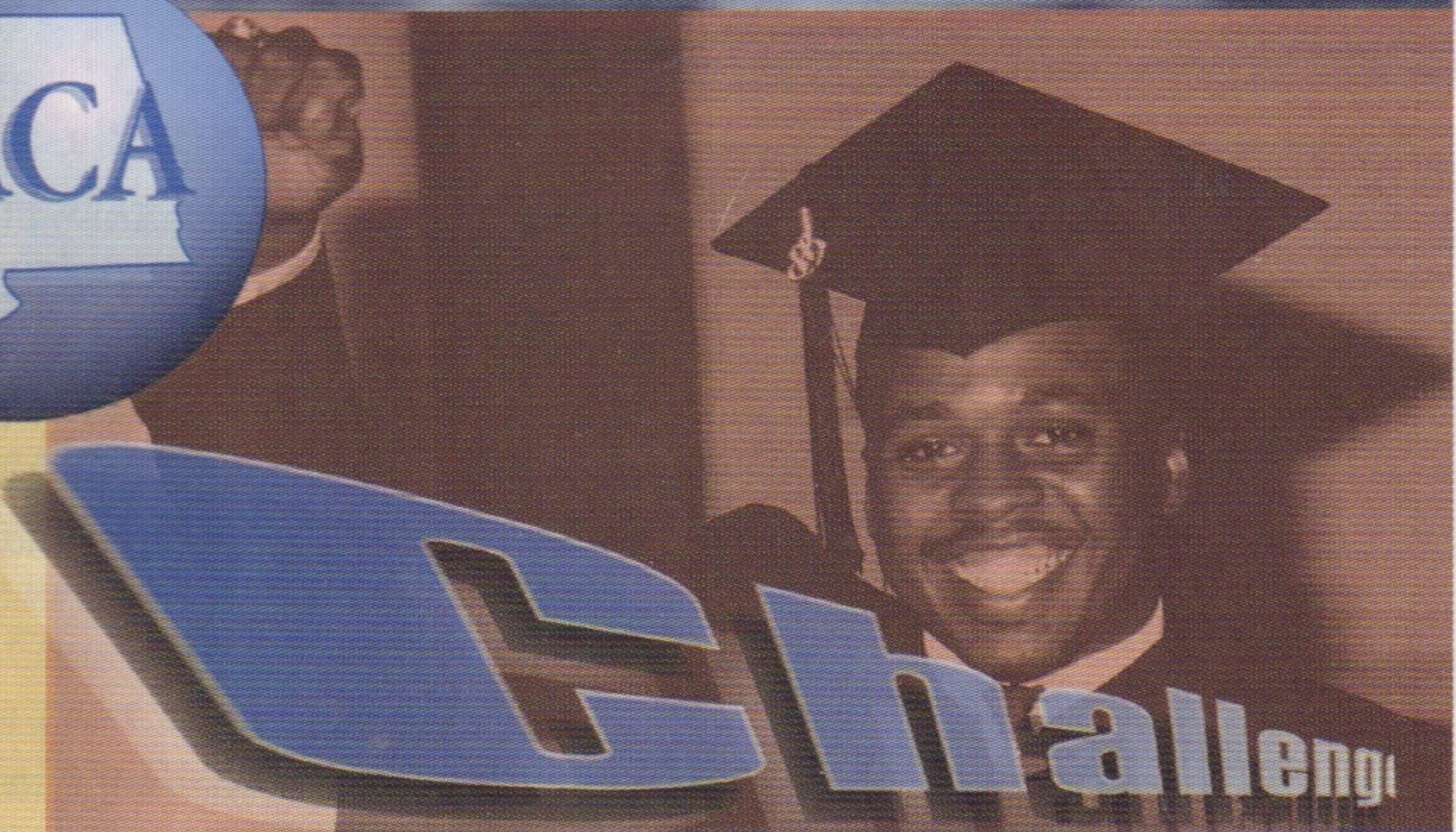
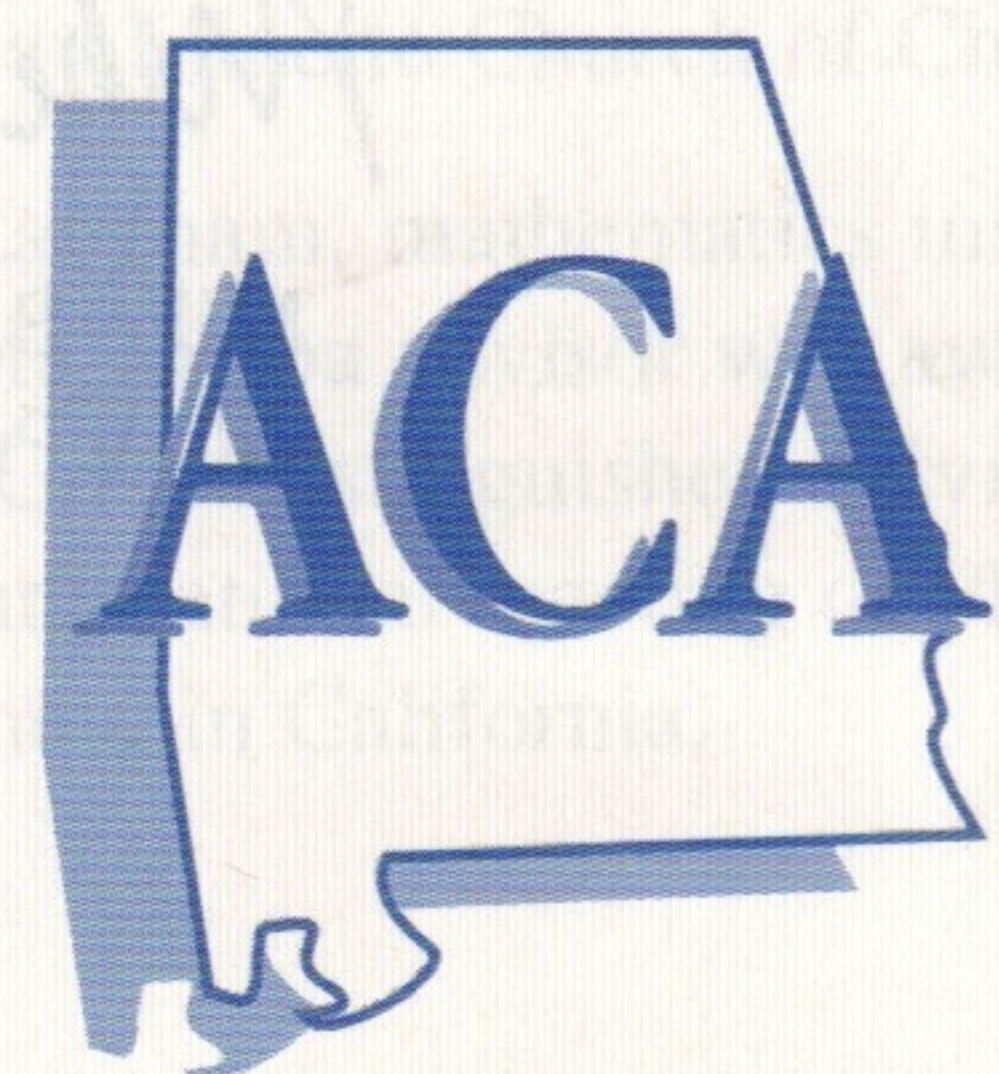


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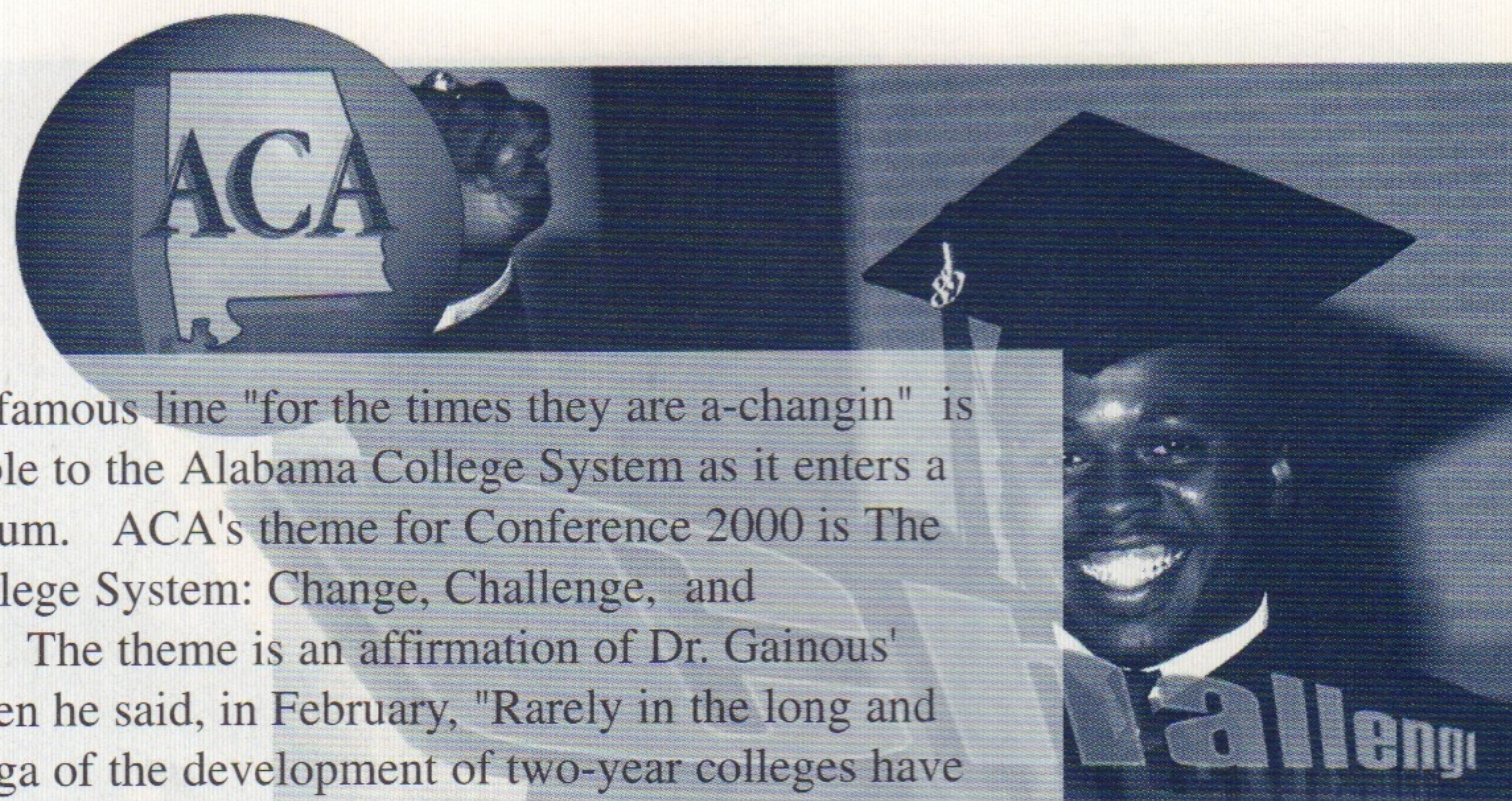
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He has been director of public relations at Bishop State Community College since 1993. Prior to coming to work at the college, Mr. Jordan was a reporter and copy editor with the Mobile Paper Register.

PRESIDENT



Bob Dylan's famous line "for the times they are a-changin'" is very applicable to the Alabama College System as it enters a new millennium. ACA's theme for Conference 2000 is The Alabama College System: Change, Challenge, and Opportunity. The theme is an affirmation of Dr. Gainous' comment when he said, in February, "Rarely in the long and successful saga of the development of two-year colleges have the opportunities been more abundant, or the challenges more significant."

The purpose of the Alabama College Association is to promote development and advancement of post-secondary education throughout the Alabama College System. The Association's constitution lists six ways we can accomplish our purpose. Those ways included: promoting professional service and encouraging professional growth. This year's ACA executive committee is focusing on professional growth as it plans Conference 2000. Professional growth for ACA members will prepare us for professional service and the changes challenges and opportunities which lie ahead.

"An unhatched egg is to me the greatest challenge in life," wrote journalist Elwyn Brooks White. With opportunities such as program and instructor certification, Workforce 21 Imperatives and our changing student demographics, we can be seen as the unhatched egg. The Alabama College System is on the verge of breaking the shell, that has defined two-year colleges for over 30 years, and becoming the state's leader in workforce development.

By combining the Teaching and Learning Symposium with the ACA Conference, we will have a week of professional development opportunities. Next year's conference is in Mobile, so mark your calendars for March 21-24, 2000. Tuesday and Wednesday will offer numerous teaching and learning sessions followed by the Chancellor's Awards on Wednesday afternoon. Thursday and Friday are reserved for ACA sessions and the annual meeting. I encourage everyone to register for the entire week because relevant and interesting sessions will be offered each day. Conference 2000 will be an exciting event which will help us prepare for the change challenge, and opportunity of the future.

I'll see you in Mobile.

Mike Bailey

Mike Bailey,
ACA President

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The 1999 Alabama Master Teacher Seminar

The Walker College Campus of Bevill State Community College in Jasper recently hosted the first annual Master Teacher Seminar, on June 13 - 17. The Master Teacher Seminar is an element of the Alabama College System's Teaching and Learning Initiative, a movement designed to promote system-wide improvement in Alabama's two-year college classrooms.

Twenty-nine faculty members actively participated in innovative activities and workshops designed to explore the concept of the "master teacher". Dr. Terry Whisnant, Southside Virginia Community College, facilitated the seminar, adding the elements of surprise and humor to the experience. According to Roger Garrison, the original founder of the Master Teacher seminar, the highest form of professional development occurs when good teachers share ideas and explore teaching innovations in a relaxed environment.

Participants included Lee Taylor (Alabama Southern Community College), Dr. Betty Dean Newman (Athens University), Fred Kapp (Bessemer State Technical College), Kelley Brumley (Bevill State Community College - Hamilton), Doug Sizemore (Bevill State Community College - Walker Campus), Jonathan Mayhall (Bevill State Community College - Walker College Campus), Todd Ramsey (Bevill State Community College), Linda West Hill (Bishop State Community College), George Williams (Calhoun Community College), Nathan Brackeen (Central Alabama Community College), Michelle Lewis (Chattahoochee Valley Community College), Miriam Frank (Drake State Technical College), Dianne Crabtree (Faulkner State Community College), George Terrell, Jr. (Gadsden State Community College), Christie Woods (Jefferson State Community College), John Croft (MacArthur State Technical College), Daphne Huntley (Northeast Alabama Community College), Dr. Glenda Colagross (Northwest-Shoals Community College), Vicky Colon (Patterson State Technical College), Sara Brenizer (Shelton State Community College), Harold Johnson (Snead State Community College), Susan Pitts (Southern Union State Community College), Cindy Eller (Sparks State Technical College), Dot James (Trenholm State Technical College), Sandy Spengler (Wallace Community College - Dothan), Tomesa Smith (Wallace Community College - Hanceville), Kendra Jones (Wallace Community College - Selma), and Rachel Boothe (Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College).

Hester Wins State Chancellor's Award

Vickye T. Hester, job placement/public relations director at J. F. Drake State Technical College, recently won the Alabama College System's 1999 "Support Staff of the Year" Chancellor's Award, during the annual Alabama College Association conference in Birmingham. Hester, Drake's first Chancellor's Award recipient, was selected by the staff of the National Institute for Staff and Organization Development (NISOD) at the University of Texas at Austin based on her superior performance in assigned duties; professional service to community and students; and personal efforts toward professional development and educational attainment. Hester received a \$1,000 professional development stipend and a plaque in her honor.

Since Hester's initial employment, she has won ten state public relations awards, including the Alabama College System Public Relations Association's (ACSPRA) first Best of Show Award-Print Division in 1995. She donates her professional service in the capacity of board/committee member to various non-profit organizations including The Volunteer Center of Huntsville/Madison County, the Hospital Hospitality House of Huntsville, Huntsville Child Care Center, Operation Green Team, and the United Way of Huntsville and Madison County.

Communicator of the Year

Herb Jordan, director of public relations at Bishop State Community College, received the 1999 ACSPRA Communicator of the Year Award during the Alabama College Association's annual conference held in Birmingham in March. Each year, the Alabama College System Public Relations Association (ACSPRA) honors one of its members who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and accomplishments during the past year. The award is the highest honor ACSPRA confers. Nominations for this prestigious award are made by college presidents.

Mr. Jordan is the recipient of a number of ACSPRA, Public Relations Council of Alabama (PRCA), the Southern Public Relations Federation (SPRF) and the



Mr. Herb Jordan

National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) awards. He is currently the immediate past president of ACSPRA. He has been director of public relations at Bishop State Community College since 1993. Prior to coming to work at the college, Mr. Jordan was a reporter and copy editor with the Mobile Press Register.

Faulkner State Instructor Receives Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor Award

Mrs. Langham is the epitome of what a PTK advisor should be. One of the responsibilities of a member of PTK is to demonstrate college and community involvement; Jamie Langham does this. She attends college functions, she works with individual students when needed, and she teaches Bible classes at the Bay Minette Church of Christ.

Jamie Langham, mathematics instructor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor was awarded the Robert Giles Distinguished Advisors Award at the international meeting of Phi Theta Kappa held in California.

HONORS & AWARDS

Chattahoochee Valley Community College Administrator Honored

Vice President/Dean of the College Jo Marshall was selected as this year's recipient of the University of



Jo Marshall

Montevallo's Kermit Mathison Award. The Mathison Award was presented to Marshall for her outstanding dedication to the Alabama two-year system and the exemplary leadership role she offers to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The award carries a tuition and fees scholarship for a transfer student from CVCC to the University of Montevallo.

Dr. Marshall has been the Dean of Instruction since 1995 and currently is the Vice President/Dean of the College at CVCC. Marshall has served in several capacities in the Alabama two-year college system from 1969 to present.

Dr. Marshall received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama, with additional studies at the University of London.

1999 Alabama PBL Outstanding Local Advisor Award

Sandy Short, a Phi Beta Lambda advisor at the Walker Campus of Beville State Community College, recently received the 1999 Alabama Phi Beta Lambda Outstanding Local Advisor award. Ms. Short was selected for her outstanding contributions to the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) association at the local, state and national levels.

Ms. Short has been the Walker Campus PBL advisor since 1986. She was a member of the Alabama PBL Executive Council from 1995-1999. Ms. Short has participated in administering the competitive events at the state and national levels. She also received the 1997 Alabama PBL Outstanding Local Adviser award.

1999 Top Honors for Technical Faculty

Chef Ron Koetter walked away with top honors for Technical Faculty in the 1999 Chancellor's Awards Ceremony held at the state ACA convention in March. Koetter is the coordinator of the Culinary Arts Program for Faulkner State Community College. His presentation material began with a dialog about "What's for Dinner?" The rest of the information focused on Koetter's community involvement and certification in this field.

Koetter is the guiding force behind the successful dinner series at Frederic's. Frederic's is the full-scale restaurant that functions as a laboratory experience for students enrolled in both the Culinary Arts and Hotel/Restaurant Management programs. Frederic's is open to

the public on a limited basis, with students preparing and serving meals to community patrons. The dinner series have become a hit with citizens all over Baldwin and Mobile counties.

Under Koetter's leadership the Faulkner State cooking teams have repeatedly won state, regional and national awards for their culinary masterpieces. These opportunities for students increase their marketability in a highly competitive area. They have a proven track record when they enter the workforce.

Koetter is constantly bringing world-renowned chefs and bakers to his classes for special presentations. It's these extra things that make Koetter excel with his program.

Wallace State College Faculty Appreciation Awards Ceremony

Wallace State-Hanceville recently held the Third Annual Faculty Appreciation and Awards Ceremony in the James C. Bailey Center Auditorium to acknowledge outstanding faculty and personnel.

Faculty members enjoyed time to

mingle as well as enjoy a breakfast buffet. Pictured from left to right: Libby Edmondson, administrative assistant to the dean of instruction, won the Support Personnel Award; Dr. Dale Palmer, Biology Department, won the Academic Faculty Award; Dr. James C. Bailey, president of Wallace State; Chuck Meadows, Precision Machining/CNC Department, won the Technical Faculty Award; and Gail Hyatt, Occupation Therapy Assistant Department, won the Health Faculty Award.



Libby Edmondson, Dr. Dale Palmer, Dr. James C. Bailey, Chuck Meadows, and Gail Hyatt

AIDT Earns Economic Development Honors

Alabama Industrial Development Training has earned two prestigious national honors during the 1999 American Economic Development Council's Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on June 2.

In the AEDCU's Promotional Materials Awards Competition, AIDT received a Superior Award for materials produced for the Alabama Training Exchange. AIDT's entry included all conference materials, as well as newsletters and RATXtrasS produced throughout the year to promote participation in the ATX and its first conference held in October 1998.

AIDT was also presented with an Honorable Mention for its promotional CD-ROM, unveiled at the ATX conference. The CD project was developed in partnership with OMG Media Group in Birmingham.

The Council's Promotional Materials Awards Competition, held in conjunction with its annual conference, recognizes the best marketing and promotional materials in the field.

The highest-ranked winning entries, including AIDT's ATX materials, were recognized at a special awards banquet and displayed both during the conference and later at the Economic Development Institute in Norman, Oklahoma.

Gadsden State Instructor Named Two-Year College Teacher of the Year

Gadsden State Community College's Jamie Payton, Accounting instructor and Phi Beta Lambda sponsor at is bringing many honors to her community this year. Named the Two-Year College Teacher of the Year by the Alabama Association of Higher Education in Business, Mrs. Payton is recognized for bringing out the best in her students. As sponsor for the college's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, she has encouraged all PBL members to become leaders. One student who achieved the highest of scholastic honors by being named to the PTK/USA Today's Academic All- American competition's All-Alabama First Team. Paul Byrd said, "Mrs. Payton demands excellence from her students. What's more, she knows how to help them achieve that excellence."



Mrs. Jamie Payton

Instructors and Students Learn from the Best

Central Alabama Community College instructors and students had the pleasure and honor of learning from the best when a Harvard lecturer visited campus this May. Noted scholar and lecturer Haiping Liu spoke on the Alexander City campus, bringing his insights into the life and works of Pearl Buck to CACC. Liu, who is dean of the School of Foreign Studies and professor of English at Nanjing (Nanking) University in China, is currently engaged as a visiting lecturer at Harvard University. He is an authority on Buck.

Liu has, in fact, coordinated the translation of many of Buck's works into native Chinese, following the eradication of her works in that language during a time when she fell out of favor with the Chinese government. A Fulbright scholar who has also studied at the University of Pennsylvania and New York University, Liu assisted with the research for the definitive biography of Buck written in 1996 by Dr. Peter Conn. The book was presented to President Clinton. Liu has also spoken for conferences in Australia, Israel and the Chinese University in Hong Kong.

Buck, who won the 1938 Nobel prize for literature, published more than 70 works of fiction, nonfiction, biographical material and children's literature. Her humanitarian efforts

led to the establishment of the first U.S. adoption agency for children of mixed race. As the mother of a mentally challenged child, Buck also worked to secure rights for the mentally disabled, eventually leading Rose Kennedy to publicly acknowledge her own struggle with a mentally challenged child. Furthermore, Buck championed both civil and minority rights in her lifetime. Liu's visit is the result of a technology-based learning adventure pioneered by CACC English instructor Dana Posey. The instructor revisited Buck's works in her efforts to prepare for a seminar in 1997. After reading Conn's biography of Buck, Posey contacted Randolph Macon University in Virginia, Buck's alma mater. Through connections there, Posey established online contact with students at Nanjing University who were engaged in a study of Buck's works. Last semester, Posey's class and the Nanjing students enjoyed a stimulating electronic dialogue about the author. Through these contacts, Posey was introduced to Liu, who agreed to visit CACC and share his research and insight.

"We are thrilled to have a scholar of Professor Liu's caliber to visit CACC," Posey said. "The connection we originally established with him through the Internet demonstrates the utility of electronic communication; his resulting visit is a remarkable feat for all of us."

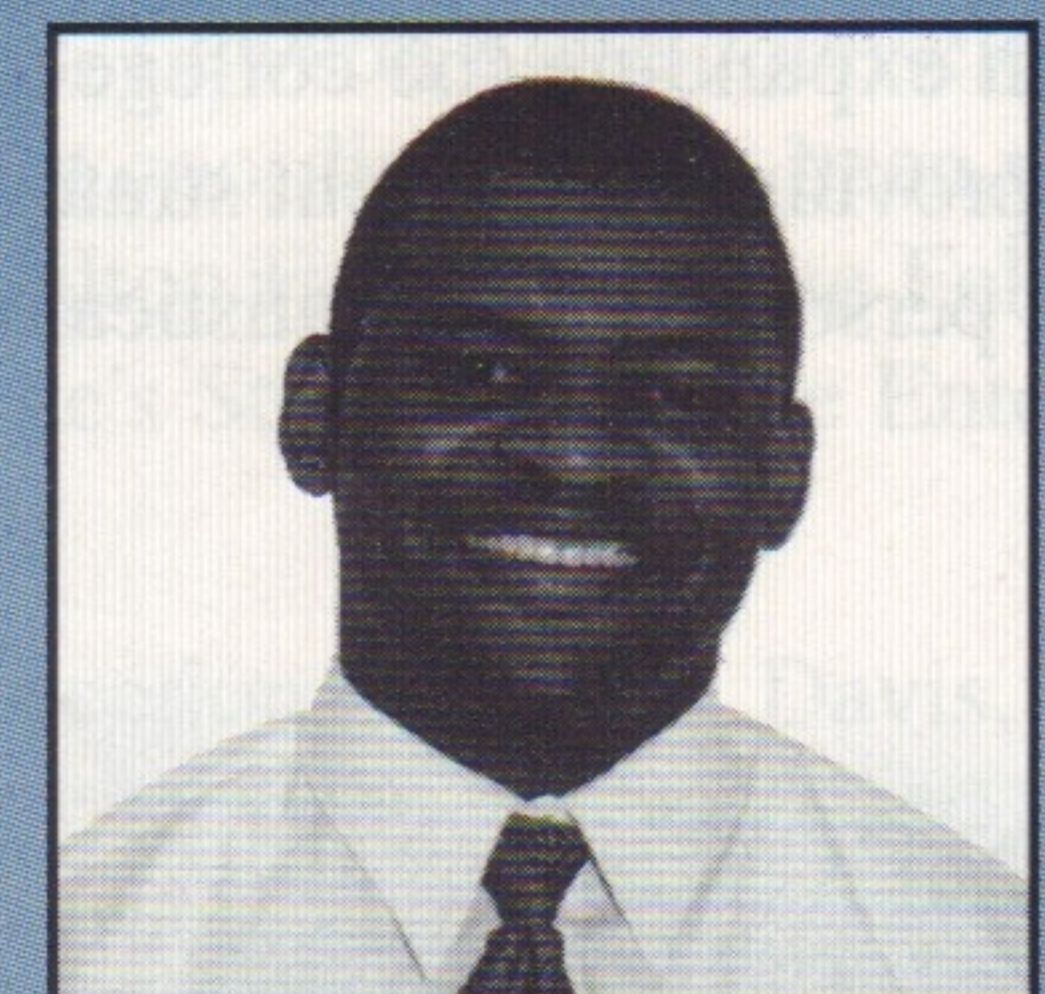
CERTIFICATIONS

Bishop State MTEC Director Gets Certification

Charles W. Porter, director of the Minority Technology and Entrepreneurial Center at Bishop State Community College, recently completed his training to become a Certified Entrepreneurial Educator. The training and certification was administered by Edge University in Orlando, Fla.

The training included courses such as delivery training, winning strategies and techniques, start-up essentials, the business plan, marketing, resources funding, budgeting, legal concerns, technology, the stock market, and evaluations.

Davis Receives Certification



Mr. Leroy C. Davis

Mr. Leroy C. Davis, Computer Information Systems instructor at Reid State Technical College, received certification as a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) on April 12. A New Technology (N T) workstation exam is required to receive certification in various computer areas. This is a microsoft primary networking program.

A Certified NetWare Engineer (CNE), Mr. Davis is currently working on his Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer + Internet (MCSE+) certificate. He plans on testing for the A+ certification which is a certified computer technician. Most companies are requiring this certification.

HONORS & AWARDS

Coordinator of Institutional Research and Planning at CVCC Named

Dr. Narem Reddy was recently named the Coordinator of Institutional Research and Planning at Chattahoochee



Valley Community College in Phenix City, Alabama. Dr. Reddy brings a wealth of experience to the position. He moved to CVCC from Darton College in Albany, Georgia, where he served as Institutional Research and Planning Officer. Preceding his tenure in Georgia he served as Research Assistant at the Florida Board of Regents in Tallahassee, Florida, and Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

Dr. Reddy received his Ph.D. from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, his Master's in Business Administration from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, and his Master's in Business Administration from S.V. University in Tirupati, India.

Dr. Reddy feels that this position will allow him the opportunity to further utilize his research and analytical skills and experience by generating information that will be instrumental in expanding the college's strategic plan, improving recruitment strategy and assisting personnel with statistical information.

Central Alabama Community College Instructor Received Hattie Nunnery Scholarship at the University of Montevallo

Recently at the Alabama Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference, Central Alabama Community College instructor Hattie Nunnery received an accolade she will never forget with the announcement of the Hattie Nunnery Scholarship at the University of Montevallo. The scholarship recognizes Nunnery's years of service to Phi Theta Kappa as well as her devotion to education, particularly to Montevallo. Nunnery is retiring this year. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of the two-year colleges.

"We wanted to recognize how much Hattie has thought of the school [Montevallo] over

the years," said Lynn Gurganus, associate director of admissions at the University of Montevallo and CACC alumnus. "I don't know anyone who went to Montevallo who loves this school more than she does. She personally got me a scholarship to Montevallo and is responsible for literally hundreds of students being here."

The tuition scholarship in Nunnery's honor recognizes her achievements as a long-time advisor to Phi Theta Kappa students, as this year's recipient of the Distinguished Advisor award, and as an individual with a lifelong commitment to scholarship and learning.

Athens State University Student Chapter Endows Scholarship

The Athens State University student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) has created an endowed scholarship to assist accounting majors.

The \$10,000 endowed scholarship was established with the Athens State University Foundation. Earnings from the endowment will provide the annual scholarship. The first scholarship will be awarded to a student in the 1999 fall semester.

The IMA student chapter began raising funds for the scholarship in 1993. Between 40 and 50 students have taken part each year in the chapter's fund-raising event during the annual Tennessee Valley Old-Time Fiddler's Convention.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and effort of our students," said Linda Hemingway, assistant professor of accounting and the chapter advisor. "Every student has played a role in providing this legacy that will assist accounting students throughout the years."

The scholarship will be awarded to an accounting student who is an active member of IMA. They must have completed at least one semester at Athens State and have an accumulated 3.0 grade point average and a 3.3 grade point average at Athens State.

IMA has a three-fold purpose: to introduce management accounting to students planning careers in business; to strengthen knowledge and commitment of those already on the way to management accounting careers; and to demonstrate how IMA members work together to improve the science of management accounting. The Athens State chapter also provides community service work. The chapter conducts volunteer income tax assistance to low income and non-English speaking citizens through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

"What makes this scholarship so special is that it is a situation where students are helping students," said Athens State President Jerry Bartlett. "The university greatly appreciates the leadership and support from the IMA student chapter."

Two Bishop State Employees Honored

Two Bishop State Community College employees were recently honored during a luncheon in Montgomery for helping to develop five exemplary models for the teaching and learning initiative.

Glenco Hamilton, chairperson of the Business and Economic Division, and Mary Taylor, a counselor at the Carver Campus, were members of a committee invited to a luncheon held by Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

"Your time and talents are significant as we continue the journey of preparing our colleges for the 21st century by improving the quality of teaching and learning," Gainous told the committee at the luncheon. "We are appreciative of the work you undertook in preparing your respective reports."

Gainous said the quality of the committee's work is indicative of its members' conscientiousness and thoughtful deliberations regarding their professional responsibilities to improve the quality of services that the public two-year colleges offer students.

President Bailey wins Public Service Award



Pictured are Wallace State-Hanceville President Dr. James C. Bailey and Lucille Galin. Dr. Bailey received the Lucille Galin Public Service Award for his contributions to the people of Cullman County through community service and charities. The award was presented by the Cullman County Mayors Association at the annual Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

CVCC Instructors Honored at International Teaching Conference

Chattahoochee Valley Community College Biology instructors Jerry Hicks and Mike Cordes recently received the honor of presenting at the 10th Annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Florida. The instructors' presentation, "Multimedia Applications in Introductory Biology," used digital photography and Corel Suite software to generate a slide show on disk for students to facilitate learning of laboratory materials. Using the same type of technology, they authored a lab manual for instructional introductory Biology courses (Biology 103, 104 and 220) and created a web site for biology courses. The web site that students can easily access includes objectives, syllabi, schedules, study guides, a current review page based upon weekly lectures and lab activities, colored pictures of lab materials, and a link to the publisher of the textbook for extended research purposes.

The conference's emphasis is on research and practices in teaching and learning with a focus on uses of innovative learning strate-



Mike Cordes and Jerry Hicks

gies and advanced technologies such as the World Wide Web, multimedia and virtual reality. This year's conference attracted 1,300 faculty from colleges and universities throughout the world.

Only 64 people internationally were awarded the "Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology Award." Jerry Hicks, CVCC biology instructor was one of the 64 who received this prestigious award.

LAWSON STATE

Lawson State's Walker Recognized for Art Efforts

Lawson State Community College art instructor, Stephen Walker, will be one of 12 artists featured in the Alabama Black Artist/Black History Calendar 2000. His painting, "A Song for Mattie," will highlight the month of June. The painting depicts jazz musicians Professor Amos Gordon, a founder of the Birmingham Heritage Band; Donald Crawford, band instructor at Jackson-Olin High School (Birmingham) and inductee into the Jazz Hall of Fame; and Mattie Crawford, Donald's wife and Lawson State Upward Bound coordinator. Another Walker painting, "A Song for the Muses" was one of 15 selected pieces displayed at the AEA Headquarters for its 1998 Member/Staff Art Exhibit.

Davis Becomes Walton Fellow

Carl L. Davis, Lawson State counselor and job placement coordinator, has been named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow for the college's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team.

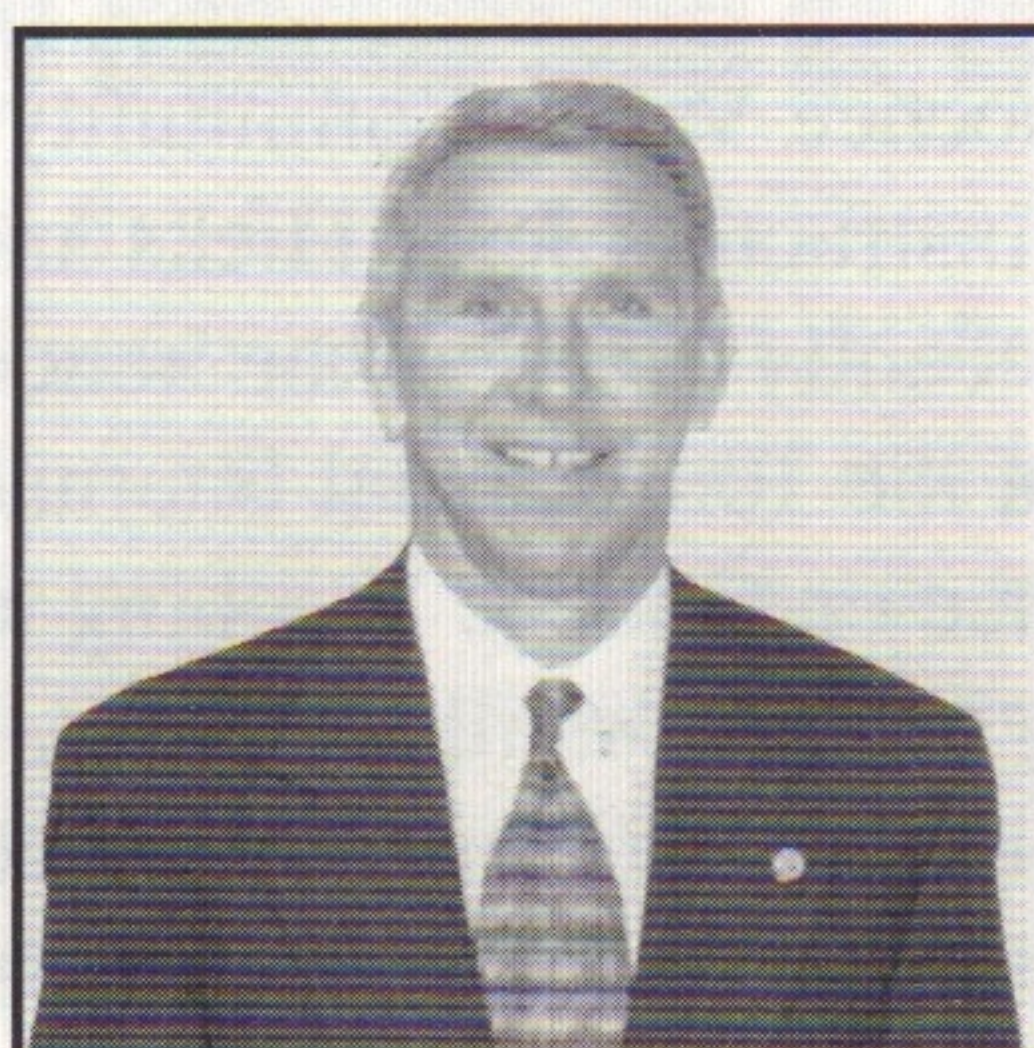
Under the direction of Carl L. Davis, Lawson State's SIFE team presented their educational outreach projects at the 1999 Students in Free Enterprise Regional Exposition held recently in Atlanta, Georgia. More than 300 Sam M. Walton Fellows nationwide train and motivate over 30,000 SIFE team members annually. The Fellowship was created in 1990 by the Wal-Mart Foundation and is named for Samuel M. Walton, founder and chairman of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Founded in 1975, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

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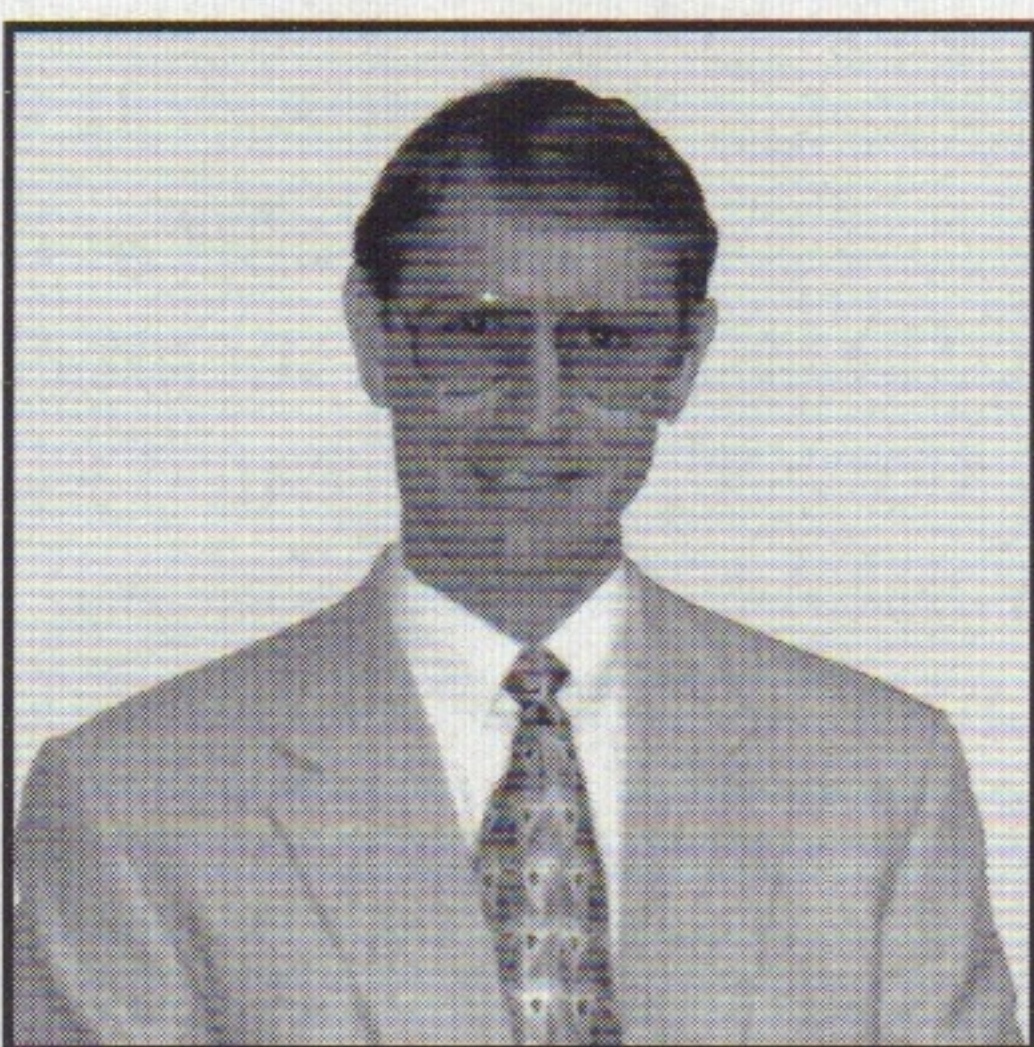
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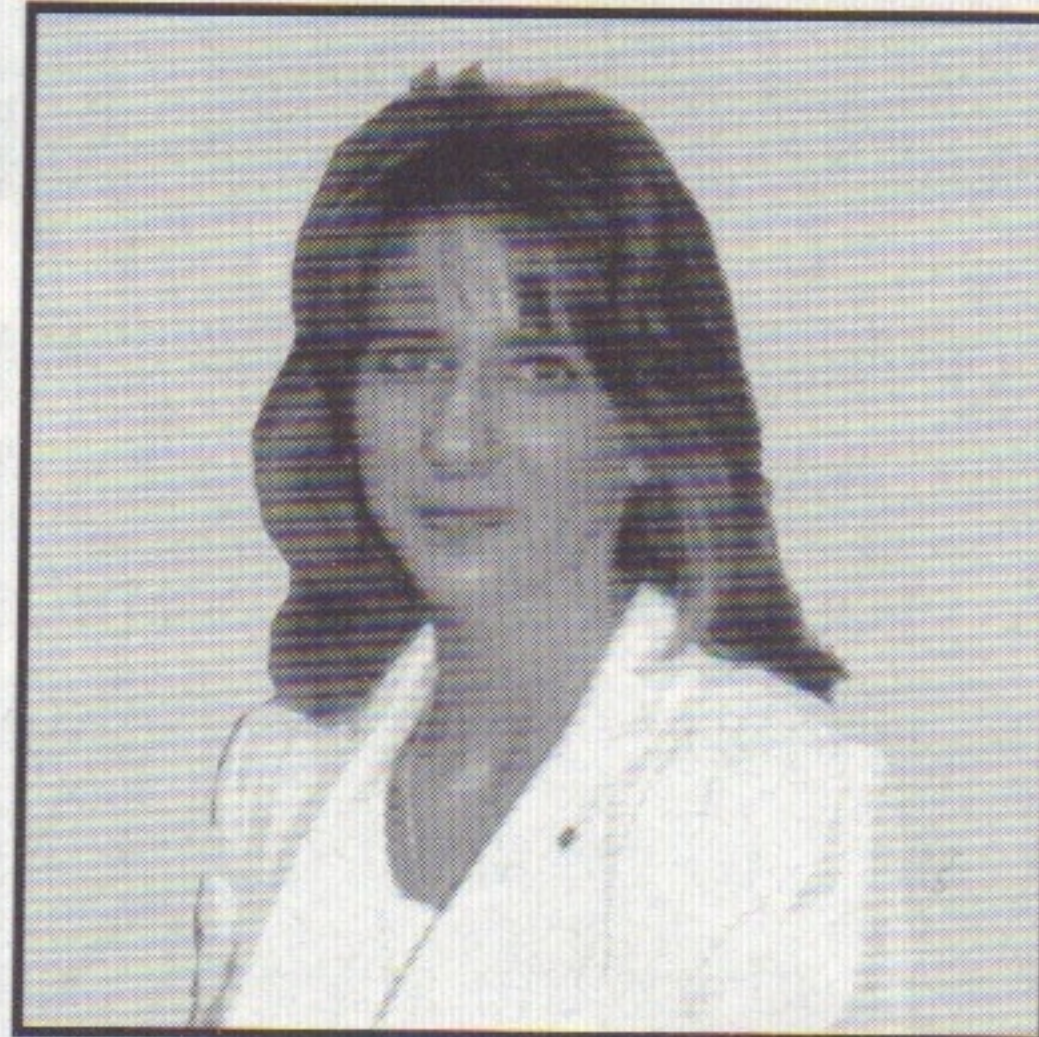


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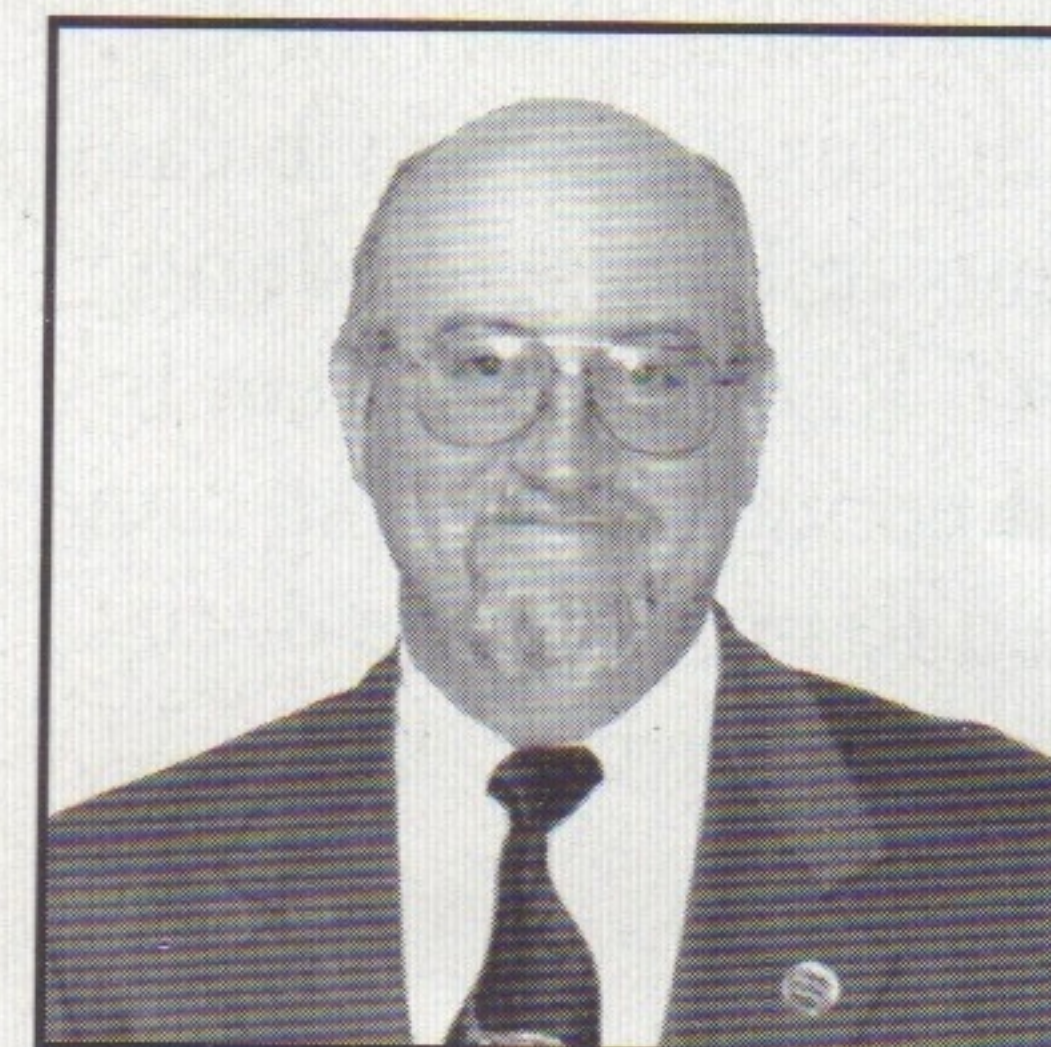
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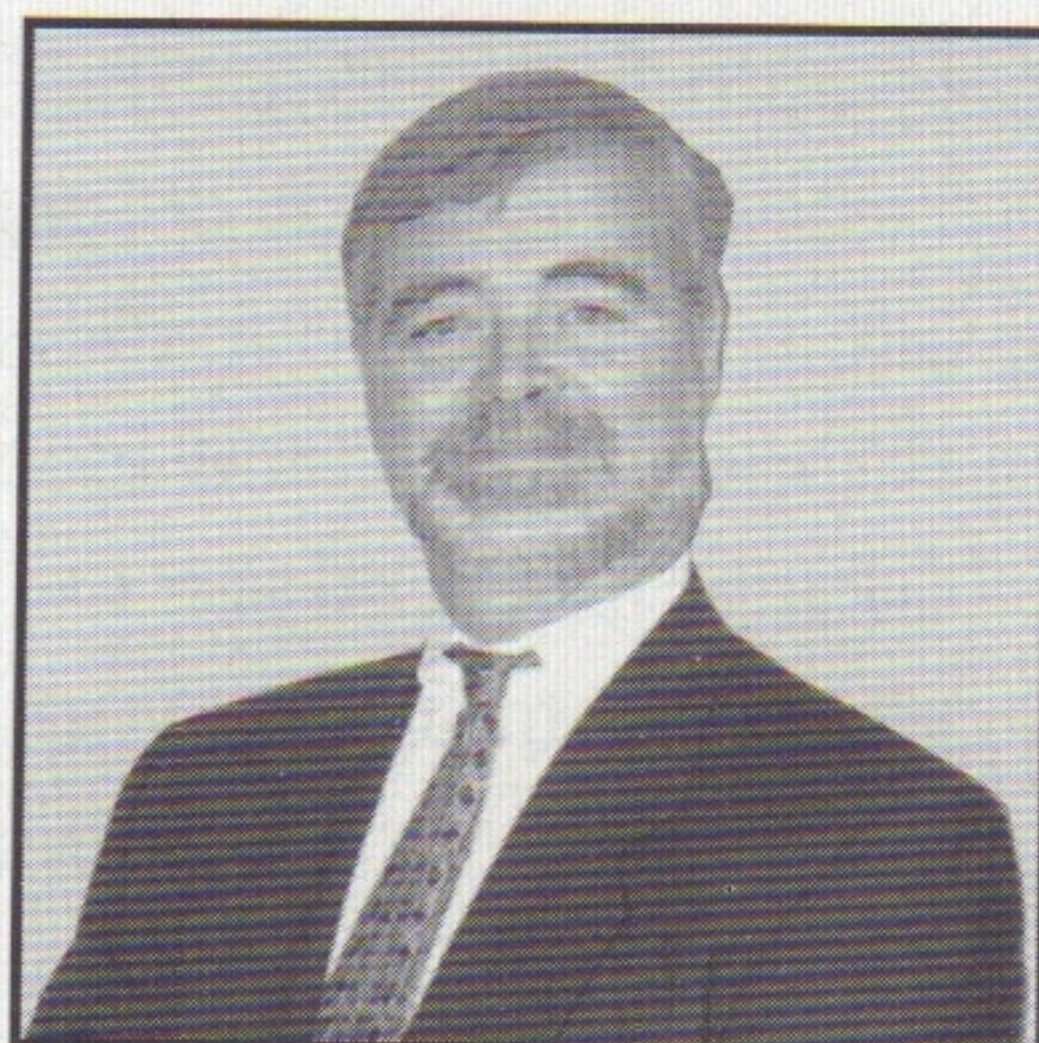
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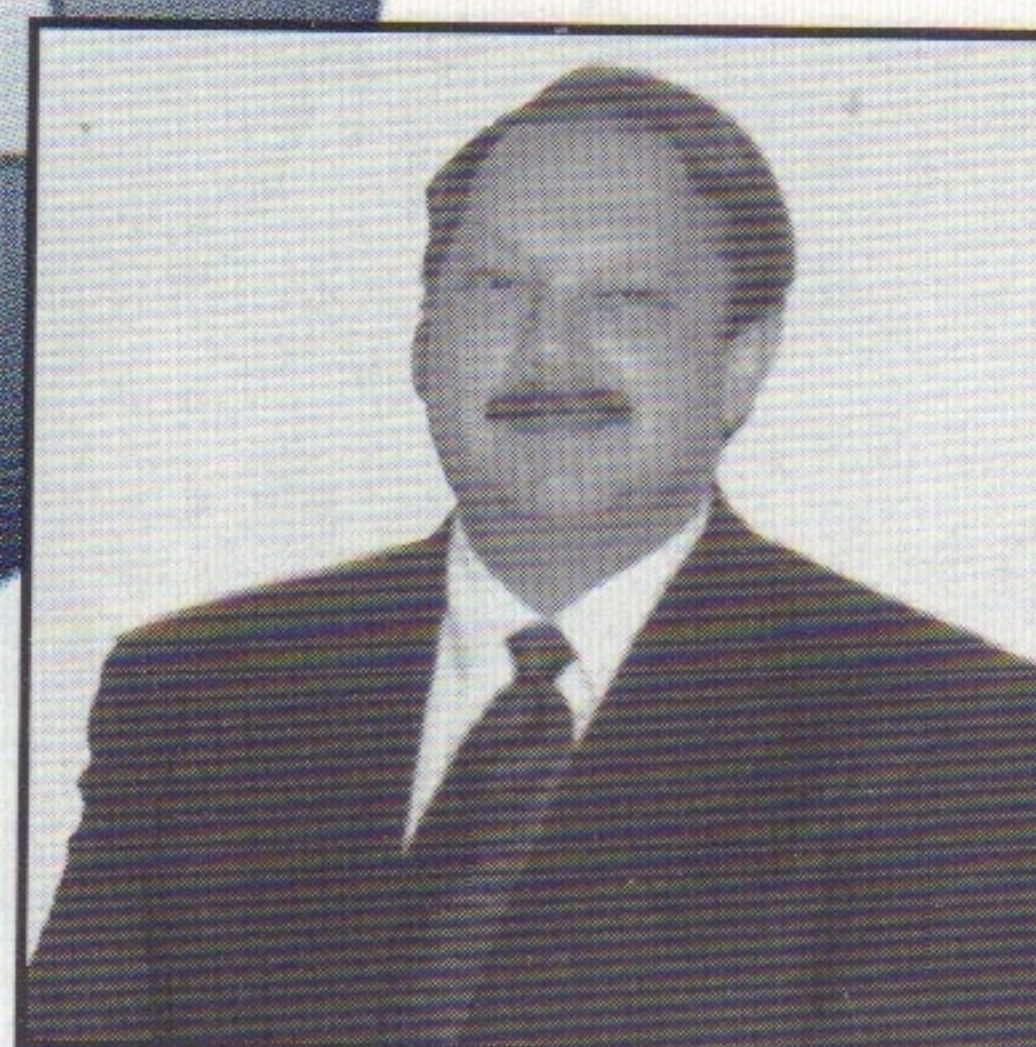
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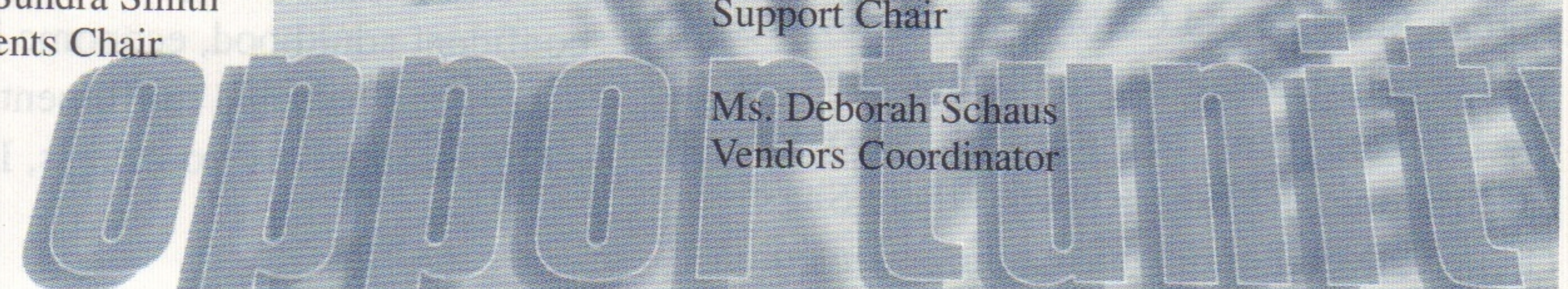
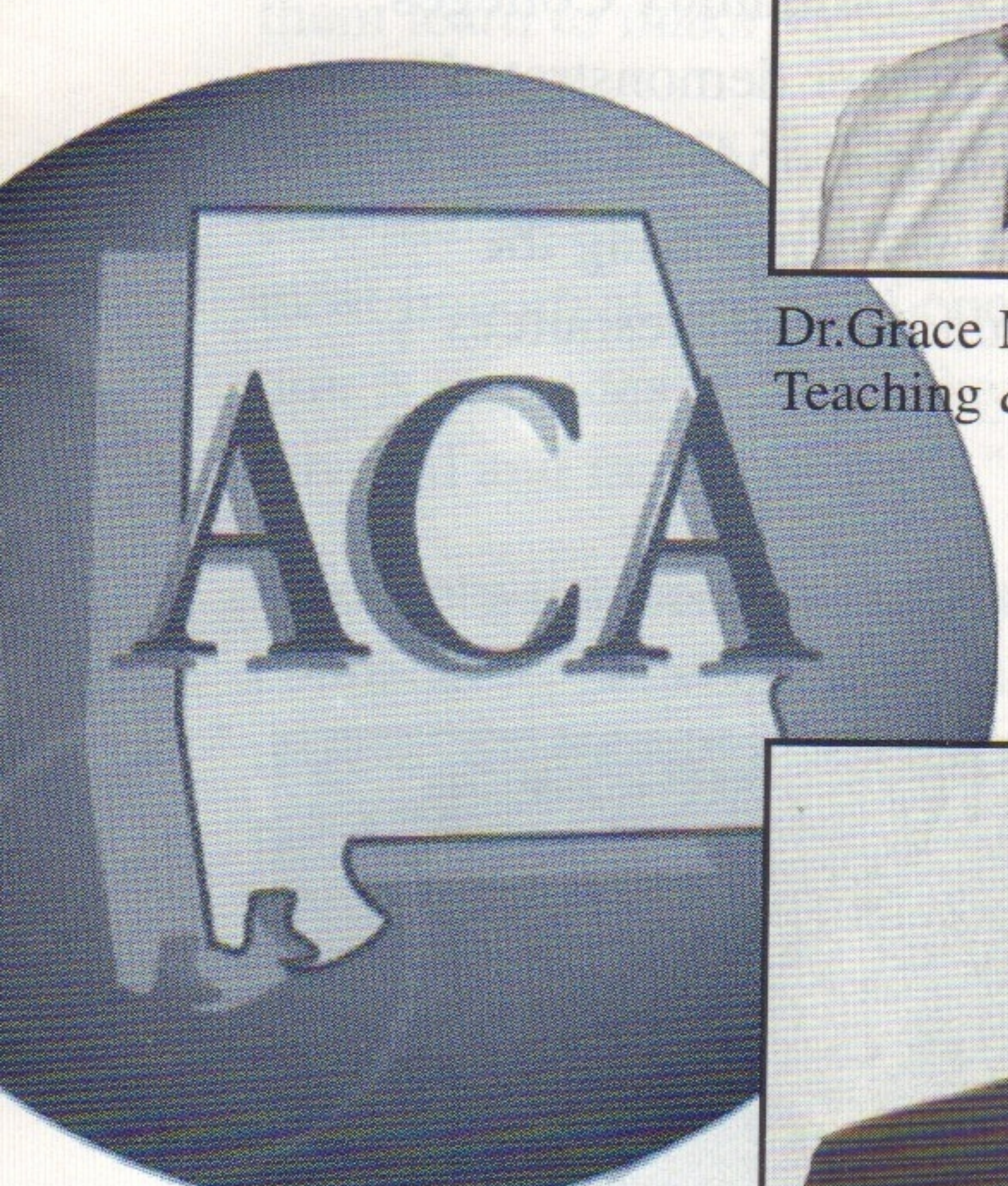
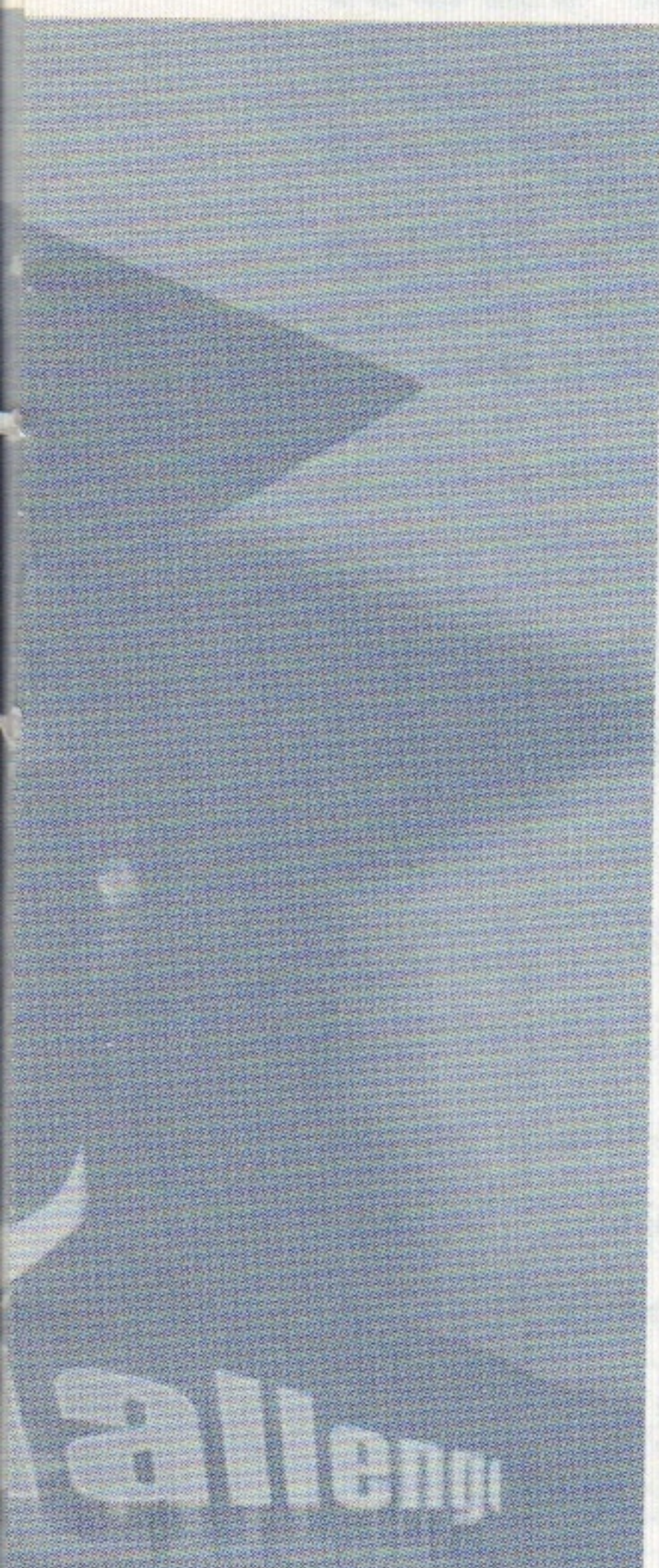
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PROGRESS & OPPORTUNITIES

Huntsville Footage Used for Civil Rights Documentary



Pictured l-r Dr. John Cashion, retired physician, Dr. Jo O'Neal, Dean of Students, Calhoun Community College, Dr. Sonnie Hereford, retired physician and Calhoun Adjunct Instructor

When local physician Sonnie Hereford III captured footage using his 8mm movie camera of historical events in Huntsville during the height of the Civil Rights movement in the early '60s he had no idea that these same scenes would be used to produce the documentary "A Civil Rights Journey" some 37 years later.

The premier of Hereford's 30-minute documentary was hosted by Calhoun Community College during Black History Month and coincided with the informal opening of Calhoun's Center for the Study of Southern Political Culture. Calhoun Social Science Instructor Waymon Burke, who also served as project director for the Hereford Documentary, heads the Center. The documentary recounts the course of activities which led to a peaceful end to segregation in Huntsville, includes scenes of lunch counter sit-ins, boycotts, picket lines and footage from a to the city by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hereford, who now works as an adjunct instructor at Calhoun, plans to distribute copies of the film to local schools, colleges, and libraries.

Groundbreaking Scheduled for Calhoun/Boeing Aerospace Training Center

With the recent approval by the state of Alabama to release project funding, construction for the Calhoun Community College's Aerospace Training Center is scheduled to begin this summer. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park, where the Aerospace Training Center will be located, was held July 7. The Aerospace Training facility, to be used to train Boeing's Decatur plant employees, is part of the incentive package used by the state to encourage Boeing to build its Delta IV rocket plant in Decatur. The facility also represents Phase I of the tri-phase Aerospace and Advanced Technology Park project. "We could see dirt moving within the next few weeks," said Dr. Richard Carpenter, president of Calhoun Community College. "Once it is completed, this building will not look like a typical education facility. It will look more like a production facility, with high-bay areas for machinery, overhead cranes and other production-type equipment," Carpenter added. "The Aerospace Training Center represents a true partnership between education and industry," commented Carpenter. "We'd like to think we're creating a new model of cooperation."

Calhoun Named "College of Promise"

Calhoun received notification earlier this year from Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of America's Promise, that the college has been designated a national "College of Promise". According to Powell, the "College of Promise" program was designed to dovetail with other programs of "promise" established through the America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth initiative, founded in 1997 as a result of the President's Summit for America's Future. "I am happy to learn of the recent commitment that Calhoun Community College has made to our Nation's youth," said Powell. "America's Promise was established to lead a national campaign to rally support for delivering the resources our youth deserve, and Calhoun has become an integral part of our success," he added. As a "College of Promise" Calhoun joins such colleges, universities, and institutions as the University of Southern California, Eastern Kentucky, Florida State University, and the American Association of Community Colleges. Calhoun's commitment to the work of America's Promise has been further demonstrated in its recent involvement in the Promise Fellows program. Former Calhoun students Terry Tucker and Albert Bush are currently serving as local Promise Fellows, supporting the efforts of Decatur's Promise to provide 2,000 area youth with the fundamental resources needed for success by the year 2000.

Calhoun's Director of Public Relations Honored

Janet Kincherlow-Martin, Calhoun's director of public relations, was honored this spring as one of three local women to receive the "She Knows Where She's Going" award, presented each year by Girls, Inc. Ms. Kincherlow-Martin joined Huntsville mayor Loretta Spencer and Carolyn Griner, deputy director of Marshall Space Flight Center, as the 1999 recipients of the award. According to Girls, Inc. the "She Knows Where She's Going" award honors outstanding women of

achievement who, in their personal and professional lives, serve as excellent role models for today's girls. "The award winners exemplify the qualities Girls Incorporated seeks to nurture in its members as it works to build girls' capacity for responsible and confident adulthood, economic independence, and personal fulfillment," commented representatives from Girls, Inc.



Pictured l-r: Loretta Spencer, Mayor of Huntsville (AL); Janet Kincherlow-Martin, Director of Public Relations, Calhoun Community College; Carolyn Griner, Deputy Director, Marshall Space Flight Center

Real Life Exercises Demystify Algebra and Geometry

"If you find yourself losing money in the stock market, do you pull out your money or fire your stock broker?" This question is typical of the ones that Terisé Rifenberg poses to her math students at Sparks State Technical College. Rifenberg, Mathematics Instructor at Sparks, believes that real life skills are essential in developing competency and appreciation for math.

Rifenberg recently attended the Alabama Educational Technology Conference in Birmingham, where she presented "Real Life Laboratory Exercise Integrated into Tech Math, Algebra, and Geometry" to a group of 40 other instructors. Rifenberg has developed a series of sample situations related to the various program offerings at Sparks. Situations range from creating menus based on a specified caloric intake to calculating resistance in circuits using ratios and proportions.

"I want students to see how they will use math on the job," Rifenberg explains. "Students usually work on the problems in groups of three; afterwards, I ask them a reflective question about the situation to help them learn to make value judgements."

Rifenberg believes that a solid foundation is essential to success in mathematics. "The most important period of one's math education is in grades K-5. All the basics must be covered and mastered there."

Rifenberg is pleased when students make connections between her class and classes in their degree program. "When a student in programming or electronics tells me that he sees the relationship between what we're studying and what he's learning in his other classes, I'm thrilled."

Attending the conference along with Rifenberg was Denise Padgett, English Instructor.

AWARDS & PLANS

Snead State Community College

Snead State Instructor Attends Southeastern Conference on Psychology

Snead State Community College Instructor Alan Bates recently attended the Southeastern Conference on: Teaching Psychology, with the Incorporation and Integration of Technology and Innovative Methods. Sponsored by the Psychology Department of Kennesaw State University, this conference attracted educators from the Southeastern region. Numerous well-known professionals presented lectures and seminars concerning several psychological disciplines. The sessions included: updates on using technology in the classroom, contemporary opportunities for psychology majors, innovative classroom teaching strategies, and exhibits for increasing classroom effectiveness.

Snead College Represented Well at ACA Convention

The Snead State Community College 1999 Outstanding Achievement Awards for the Alabama College System are: (left to right) Academic Faculty - Johnny Brewer, Technical Faculty - Jeanene Wilder,

These Snead College representatives were recognized recently at the annual state convention of the Alabama College System, held in Birmingham. The prestigious Chancellor's Award acknowledges professional excellence and special contributions by the nominees.

Johnny Brewer, is Instructor of Speech and Theatre. As the director of nationally-recognized Snead theatre productions, and musicals, Brewer has built a professional program, involving students, faculty and local citizens. Through his interest in computer-related instruction, Brewer integrates

Chemistry Instructor Completed Internship

Harold Johnson, Snead State Community College Instructor of Chemistry recently completed a five-week internship with the Southeastern Partnership for Environmental Technology in Plaquemine, Louisiana. During his academic fellowship he worked with industries in the study of environmental concerns and legal aspects in their business. Through his experiences in field studies and experiments, Johnson states that, "I will bring a new perspective back to the classroom this Fall. The environmental issues that I learned about cannot be accomplished in a college lab. This real-life experience gave me a very positive view of the world of business and industry and their responsibility of pollution control, etc. Most of the plants that we visited and studied want to protect the environment and carry-out their work with an environmentally friendly approach, long and short-term."

technology with curriculum by using special effects and lighting techniques created and controlled by computers in the SSCC dramatic and musical productions.

Jeanene Wilder is an Instructor of Computer Science. Through her personal approach to instruction, she teaches many students to become much more computer-oriented with useful skills of common applications and a hands-on use of traditional software packages and computers.

The Chancellor's Awards for the Alabama College System are a great honor based on exemplary faculty, staff and alumni of the two-year colleges in the state. Leadership, innovation, and community contributions are considered when selecting the yearly recipients state-wide.

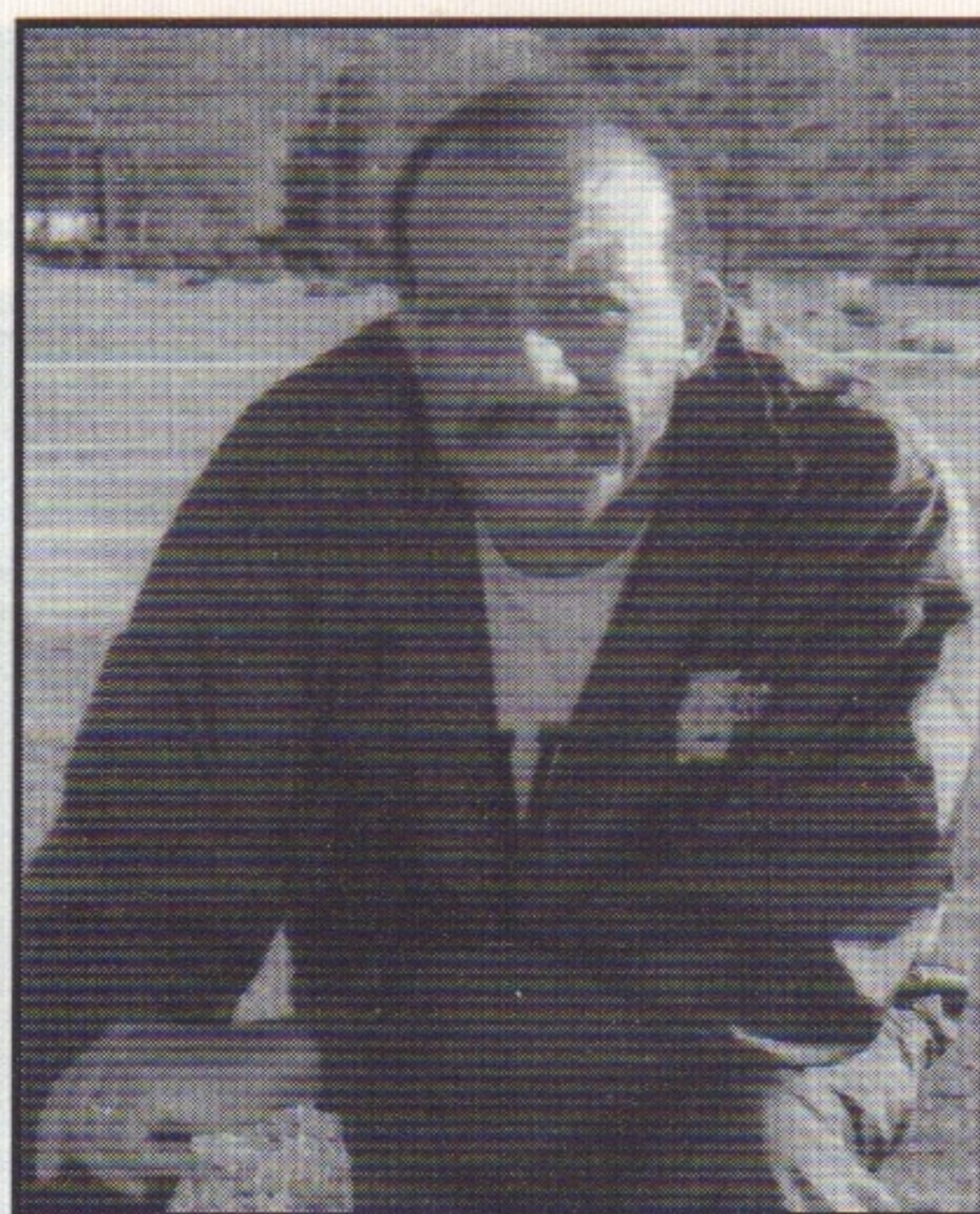
COACHES OF THE YEAR

Lawson State's Jefferson Honored Twice As "Junior College Coach of the Year"

When the men's basketball season started this year at Lawson State, there was a new head at the helm - Steve Jefferson. New to Lawson State, but not new to the game of basketball. Consider, thirty years in the game, championship teams - it's easy to understand why through his considerable experience and poise he led a newly acquired team to a winning season.

The Cougars enjoyed one of their best starts in years finishing the regular season as the Alabama Junior and Community College Division I Conference Champs with a 16-4 record and an overall record of 21-11.

In recognition of an outstanding year, Jefferson was honored by the Alabama Junior and Community College Conference, NJCAA Region XXII, as the "1998 - 1999 Coach of the Year" - Division I Men's Basketball and he was selected by the Birmingham Tip-Off Club as the "1999 Junior College Coach of the Year." The Glen Clem Award, named in honor of one of Alabama's most successful junior college coaches, was presented to Coach Jefferson by Mrs. Clem. Speaking highly of these recognitions, Lawson State Athletic Director Joe Evans said, "Coach Jefferson stepped in to direct an already established team and made the necessary adjustments to have at least a 'good season'. It turned out to be great. I cannot think of another individual more deserving of these awards than he."



Steve Jefferson

As a veteran of high school athletics, Jefferson has served as assistant and head coach in football and basketball, but is quickly remembered for the more than 700 games and the two state championships he won in 1977 and 1978 as head basketball coach at the recently-closed Carver High School.

Jefferson remembers with fondness the years served at Carver and would have enjoyed the opportunity to try for another championship there. But that was not a choice. So, as favorable circumstances would have it, he has another option in life and is pleased with the opportunity.

He has welcomed this challenge and looks eagerly to the future at Lawson State.

"I am hoping to become one of the powers in junior college ball. My commitment is to work to get guys to come to Lawson rather than looking out of town and then through hard work and preparedness, help them to leave here and go elsewhere to face that next goal in life," he said.

CACC Baseball Coach Named New Head Coach at UAB

Coach Larry Giangrosso of Central Alabama Community College has been named the new head coach at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Giangrosso, who played baseball at UAB and earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees there, has been CACC's only baseball coach. He has also served as the college's athletic director since 1993. A Birmingham native, Giangrosso also coached at W.A. Berry High School from 1975 to 1991. He was the school's head baseball coach for 12 years, winning one state championship, five area championships and four Jefferson County titles.

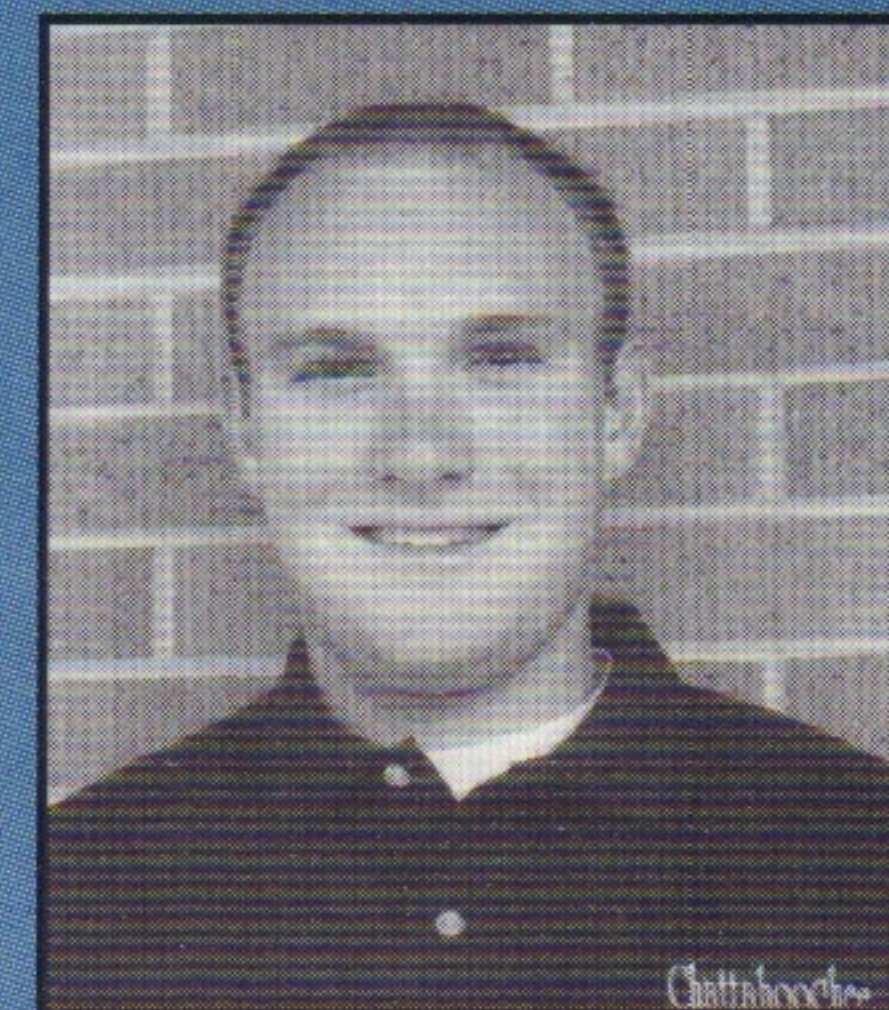
Two years ago, the CACC Trojans captured the Alabama Junior and Community College Division I championship. His record at CACC is 320-183-1. Every athlete who played at CACC for two seasons under his leadership earned a degree from the school. He has coached 20 Academic All-Region players, four Academic All-Americans and one Distinguished Academic All-American.

"Giangrosso has won at every level and has built Central Alabama into one of the premier junior college programs in Alabama," said Gene Bartow, UAB athletics director. CACC assistant baseball coach Lee Hall will be joining Giangrosso at UAB as an assistant coach. Hall came to CACC with Giangrosso in 1991.

NEW COACHES

THOMAS NAMED CVCC BASEBALL COACH

President Richard Federinko recently named Adam Thomas as Chattahoochee Valley Community College Head

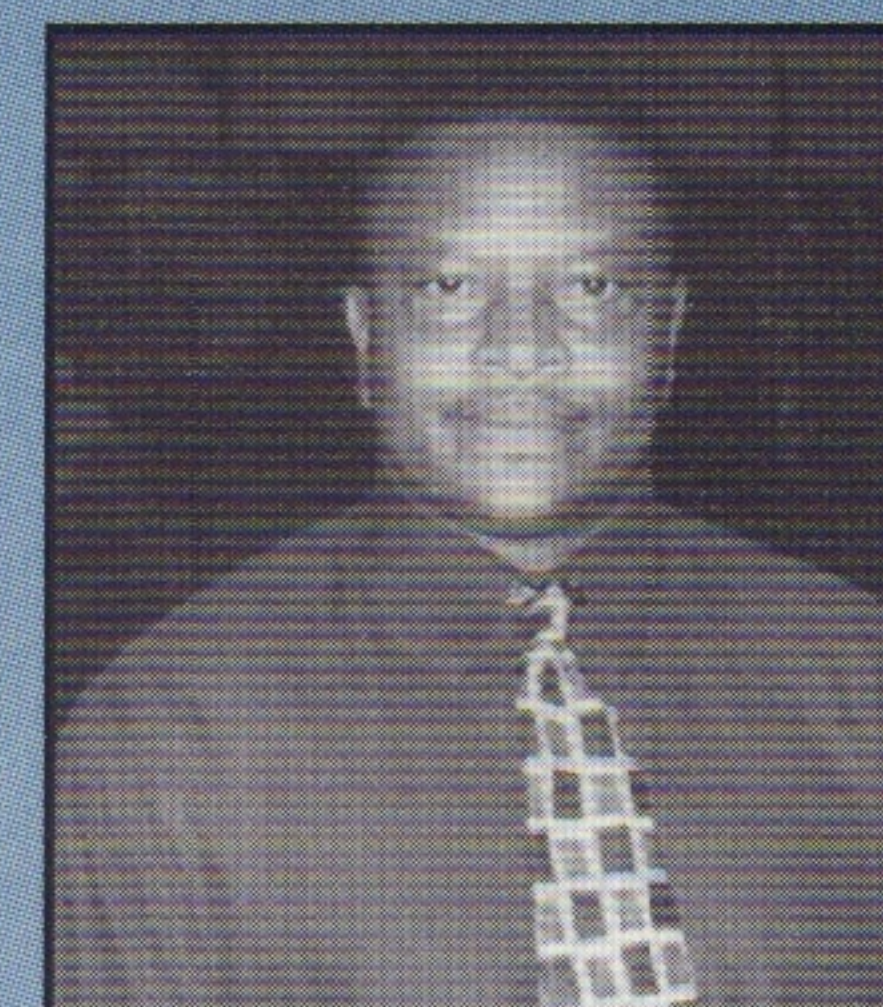


Adam Thomas

Baseball Coach. Thomas follows B. R. Johnson who retired in May after guiding CVCC to five state championships. The Smiths Station, Alabama native graduated from Chattahoochee Valley Community College in 1996 where he played baseball under Johnson while on scholarship. His hard work and determination paid off when he was awarded a baseball scholarship to the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Alabama. He received his Bachelor of Science in 1998. Thomas had been the assistant baseball coach at CVCC for the past year.

AJCCC Picks Bishop State's Elston Turner as Coach of the Year

For the second consecutive year, Bishop State Community College Women's Basketball Coach Elston Turner



Elston Turner

was selected Division I Coach of the Year by the Alabama Junior and Community College Conference (AJCCC).

Turner, who has held the title three times in his six-year coaching career at Bishop State, coached the Lady Wildcats to a 6-0 conference record and 23-8 overall mark this past season. The team captured the AJCCC State Championship for the first time in the school's history.

Turner is also the recipient of Bishop State's 1999 President's Award, which is the highest internal award issued by the College. Bishop State President Dr. Yvonne Kennedy gives the award each year to an employee for outstanding service.

Bevill State Instructor Inducted into Alabama Music Hall of Fame

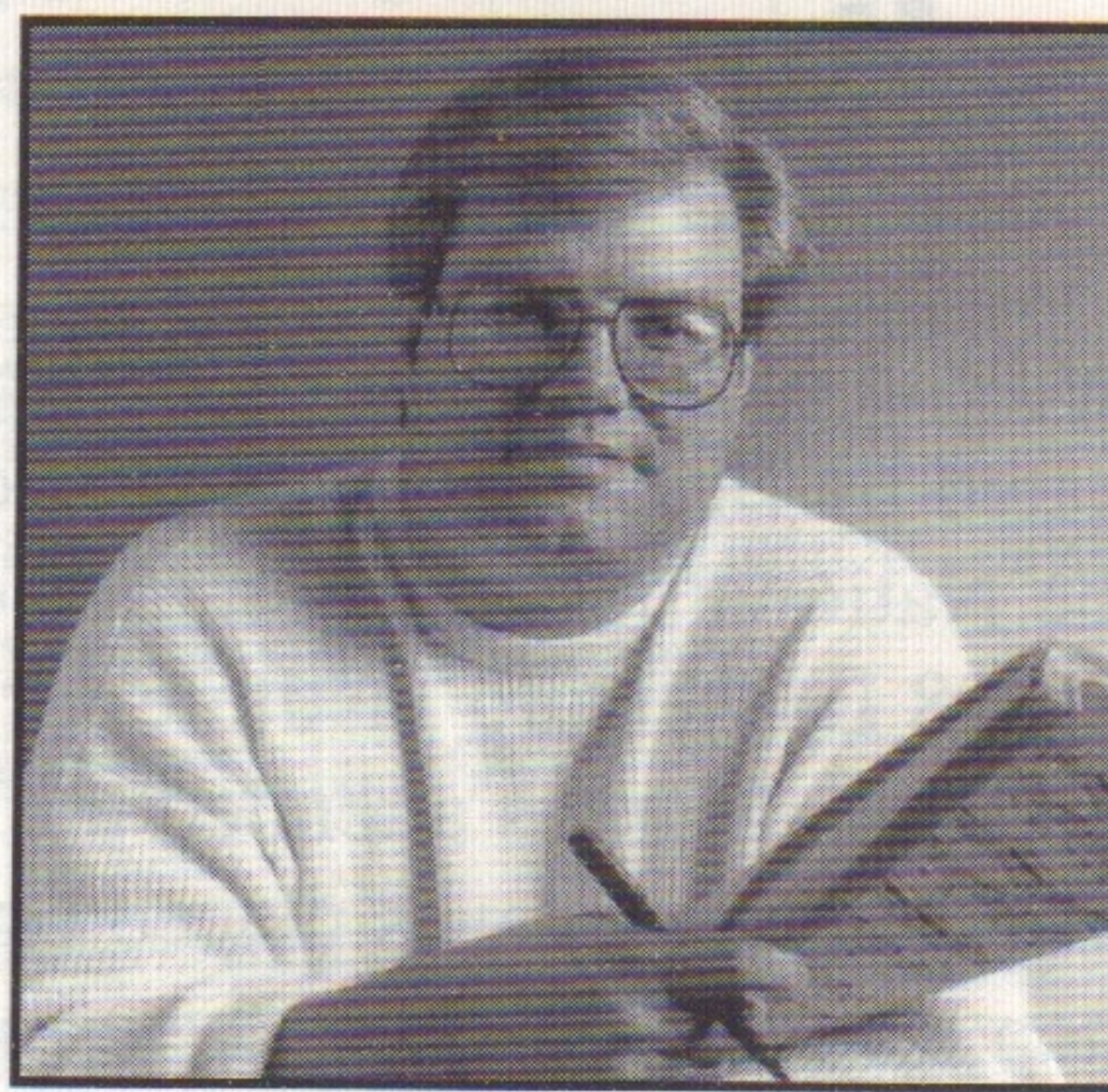
Bevill State Community College music instructor, Chris Gordon, was recently honored as an inductee into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame's Music Achievers category. Gordon is a charter member of the group, the Tuscaloosa Horns, whose music interest lie in jazz, pop, & rock music. Gordon, along with three other members of the Tuscaloosa Horns, originated in the Birmingham recording scene in 1979. These four players wrote and recorded almost all of the advertising music that came out of the Birmingham studios for the next fifteen years.

Along with being a musician, Gordon was a composer for the group. He and two others not only arranged all of the horn section work, but also all of the "sweetening" work such as strings, auxiliary percussion, harp, woodwinds, etc. Over the period that these players and writers have been working, there have been well over five hundred advertisements for national, regional, and local companies recorded. Some clients include: Holiday on Ice, Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus, HBO, Avis, WST-TV, and City of Houston, just to name a few.

Beginning in 1982, Gordon and the Tuscaloosa Horns began to perform live with various acts that required live supplemental horn sections in their stage shows. The group became known to promoters as an attractive contracting source and some long-

term relationships were established with certain artists, including the Temptations, the Four Tops, Franki Valli

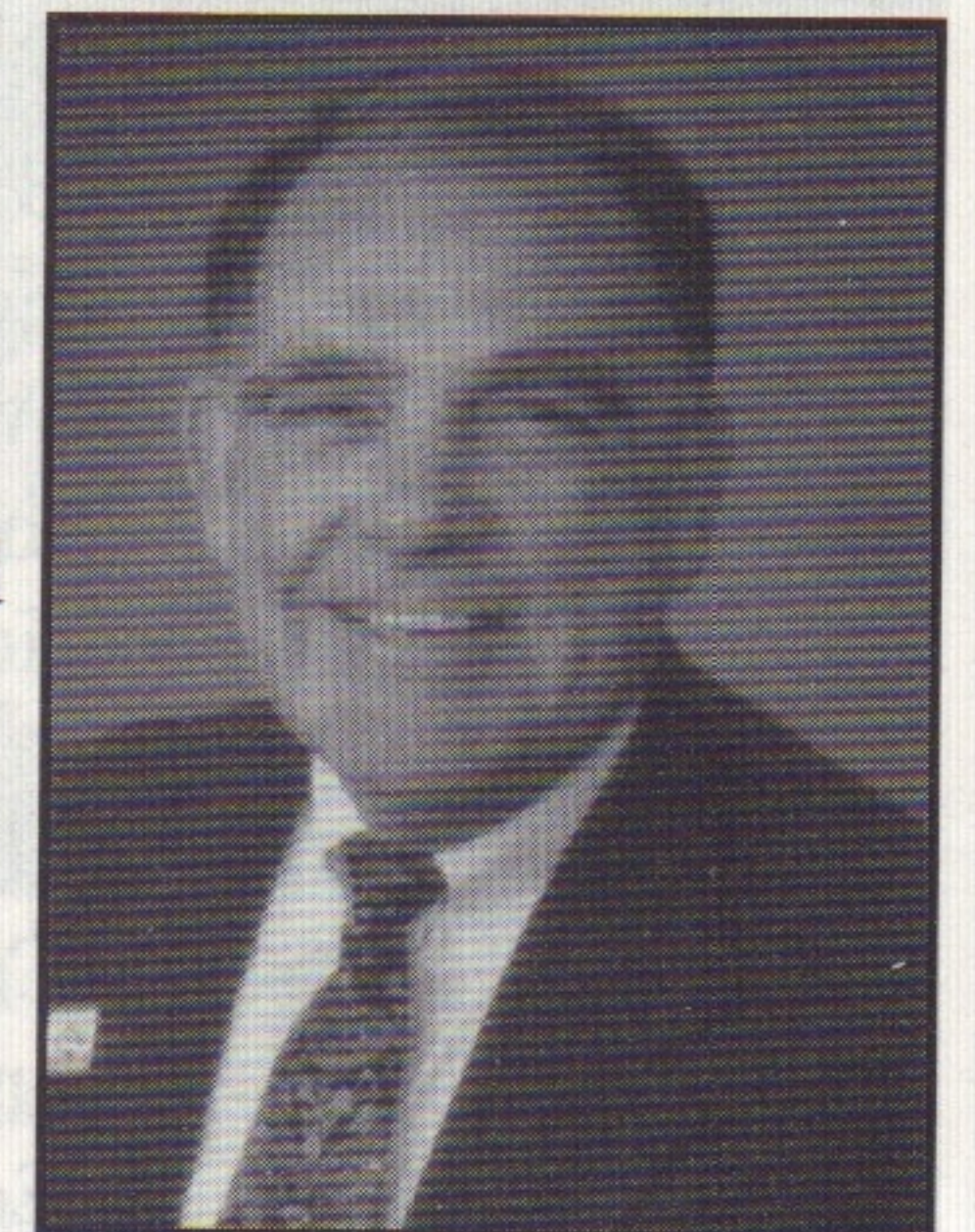
and the Four Seasons, and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. The group has been fortunate to play with these artists for well over a decade. The Temptations liked the Tuscaloosa Horns so much that whenever they are playing in the southeastern United States; the Tuscaloosa Horns are their horn section of choice. Gordon and the group have performed live with the following artists: The Four Tops, The Temptations, B.J. Thomas, the O'Jays, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Franki Valli and the Four Seasons, Toni Tennille, Bob Hope, Little Anthony and the Imperials, Mary Wilson and the Supremes, Peabo Bryson, BeBe & CeCe Winans, and the Dorsey Brothers Band. Along with his musical talents, Gordon has many other interests. He teaches music classes at two campuses of Bevill State where he directs the Jazz Band and Bevill Singers. He is the author of the books, *Form & Content in Commercial Music*, published in 1992 and *Music: The New Curriculum*, published in 1994.



Chris Gordon

McCoy Named to Hall of Fame

Dr. Larry McCoy, president of Northwest-Shoals Community College, achieved the highest distinction awarded for Alabama high school athletics when he was inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame during March.



Dr. McCoy, founder of junior college athletics in the Shoals area, has a championship winning record as a high school football coach. "This is one of the biggest honors I've ever received," said Dr. McCoy. "It is a humbling feeling to be selected and to be among a number of great names in Alabama high school athletics. I am thankful to Athens High School for nominating me and to all those who supported my nomination with letters and words of encouragement."

Dr. McCoy began his 17-year coaching career as an assistant football coach at Tuscaloosa High School in 1961. He became head coach at Athens High School in 1966 where he led the Golden Eagles to nine winning seasons including three Tennessee Valley championships and the 1975 Alabama AAA state championship. He was Alabama Coach of the Year and head coach for the north squad in the 1972 High School All-Star.

He left high school coaching and soon joined the postsecondary system as an administrator at Athens State College. Upon his appointment as president of then Shoals Community College in 1990, he initiated the school's athletic program. Currently, the Northwest-Shoals Patriots are consistently one of the best programs in the state winning numerous state and NJCAA Region XXII titles.

In 1993, Dr. McCoy was named "Shoals Citizen of the Year." His wife Mary was selected to the Alabama Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 for her career as a leader and coach in the state's junior and community college athletic program. They are the only husband and wife to share respective Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame honors.

Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame

Theatre Tuscaloosa and Shelton State Community College's Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame inducted its first honorees in April at a ceremony in Shelton's Bean-Brown Theatre in the College's Fine Arts Centre.

Honored during the ceremony were the late Tallulah Bankhead, Mr. and Mrs. Winton M. Blount, and actress/author Fannie Flagg. Created to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the arts through theatre, television or film, the Stage and Screen Hall of Fame Gala included performances by eight Theatre Tuscaloosa company members: Drew Baker, Ava Buchanan,

Kathy Wilson, Greg Hagler, Brent Jones, Charles Prosser and Ray Taylor. The group presented five musical numbers arranged especially for the evening by Dr. Steve Sample. The 17-piece orchestra was conducted by Steve Sample, Jr. Greg Thornton, a long-time member to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival acting company, presented a monologue, and the entire evening was hosted by Birmingham news anchor, Fran Curry. Following a recording made by the late Tallulah Bankhead, Tina Fitch of the Theatre Tuscaloosa staff, presented a brief biography of the Huntsville native concluding with the remarks, "However she is remembered, as the throaty, sexy beautiful, video-genic actress, or the flamboyantly vulgar, endearingly wicked, witty comedienne.

HONORS & AWARDS

Bessemer State Technical College Outstanding Staff and Faculty



Debbie Marcus, assistant to the dean of finance at Bessemer State Technical College, was nominated by Bessemer Tech president Dr. Mike Bailey, and then selected by the National Association of Women Educators as a fellow in their 1998 Leadership Institute for Emerging Women Leaders in Higher Education. Marcus attended the institute held at the University of Maryland, where emphasis was placed on the identification and advancement of women leaders in higher education.



Sherry Quan, student development counselor at Bessemer State Technical College, was elected president of the Alabama Counseling Association and was re-appointed to the Association for Career and Technical Education Guidance Board as chair of Special Populations. She was also re-appointed as Special Populations Interest chair of the National Career Development Association.



Sundra Smith, coordinator of Career Planning and Job Placement at Bessemer State Technical College, was this year's winner of the 1998 Alabama Association of College and Employers Achievement Award for "Outstanding Publication" for the comprehensive Job Campaign Guide developed for students. In addition, Smith was presented with the Alabama AmeriCorps recognition award for her work with the organization.



Frances Stewart, English instructor at BSTC, received a fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to participate in a seminar at Auburn University at Montgomery addressing the issue of critical pluralism. The aim of the program is to help enable students from diverse backgrounds to write about literature in unique styles. She was also appointed vice-chair of the Developmental Sub-Committee of the Alabama College Association.



Sharon Williams, coordinator of Veteran's Affairs for BSTC, was elected Region IV representative to the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA) Board of Trustees for 1998-99. She also serves as a member of the NAVPA Cultural and Diversity Committee and the Education and Membership Committee, and is the immediate past president of the Alabama Veterans Affairs Association.



Barbara Warren, accounting instructor at Bessemer State Technical College, was elected president of the Alabama Section of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. She is a member of the Alabama Association of Accounting Education, and has been on staff at BSTC since 1985.

MSTC Computer Science Instructor Prepares for MCSE Tests

MacArthur State Technical College Computer Science Instructor Tonitta Sauls completed the coursework earlier this year in preparation to take the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer tests this summer.

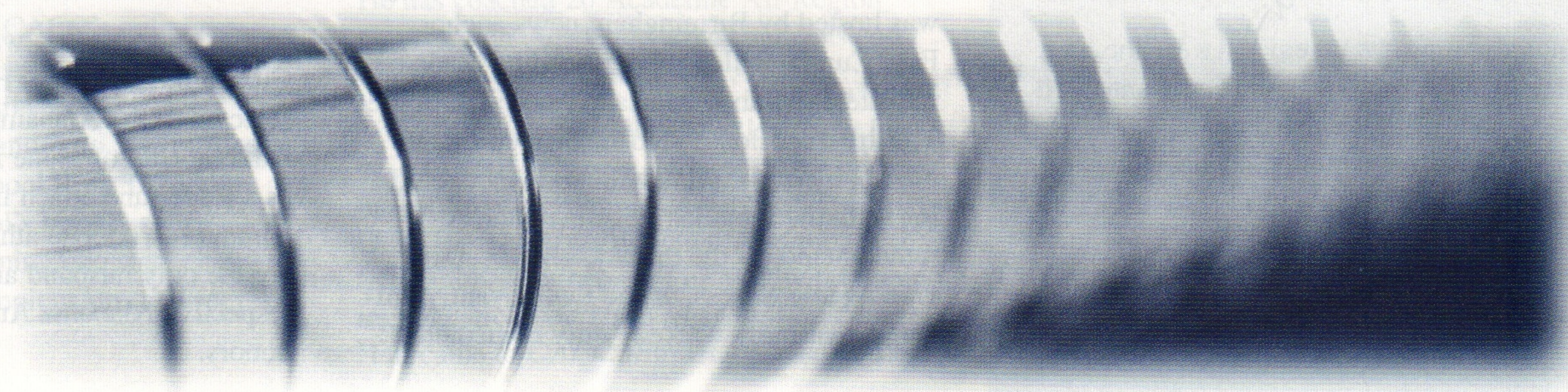
Starting last October, Ms. Sauls took five different classes from a certified Microsoft training institute in Montgomery to learn the essentials of establishing, configuring and maintaining a Microsoft Windows NT network. She completed her coursework in February, then gained hands-on experience by establishing the new student-networking lab in her department.

Ms. Sauls stresses that anyone interested in taking these classes should "make sure they have an environment where they can immediately implement what they learn." She added that the tests are very complex, and would be difficult to pass without the practical hands-on experience of actually establishing an NT network. Ms. Sauls plans to complete the six tests for certification by September.

Sharon Barnes Awarded "Technologist of the Year"

Sharon Barnes, the clinical coordinator for Jefferson State's Radiologic Technology Program, received the "Technologist of the Year" award on April 23, 1999, from the Alabama Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Barnes, of Trussville, received the award for her outstanding service, professionalism, and contributions in the field of radiology. This award, given during the society's annual meeting, is the highest society's award.



Shelton State Community College's Best

Six Shelton State employees were elected this past spring by college personnel to represent Shelton State in the annual Chancellor's Awards ceremony. Individuals elected were: Brenda Ryan, academic faculty; Dennis Crim, technical faculty; Louise Lewis, administration; Judy Johnson, support staff; and Jean Mack and Martha Key, alumni. Moundville native Brenda Ryan joined the Shelton faculty in 1981. She serves as chair of the Honors Night Committee and as an advisor of Shelton's Phi Theta Kappa chapter. She has been actively involved in Shelton's freshmen orientation entitled STAR days, (Student Testing Interpretation, Advising, and Registration days).

Mrs. Ryan is a member of Kappa Delta Epsilon and Delta Kappa Gamma, Leadership Hale County and is a member of the Moundville Serendipity Club and the Moundville Library Board.

Dennis Crim, lawn and turf instructor at Shelton State, is a graduate of Auburn University and held a number of positions with various country clubs in the state before joining Shelton State Community College. He is a former president of the Alabama Turf Grass Association and holds a certified commercial pesticide applicator's license.

Louise Lewis has served as Title III director and assistant director of the Fredd Campus since 1967. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Alabama State University. She is a graduate of Leadership Tuscaloosa and is a deputy registrar for

Tuscaloosa County. She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Tuscaloosa League of Women Voters. She has received training with the Advanced Public Policy Institute Training Kettering Foundation and received a Zenger Miller Frontline Leadership Certificate in 1997.

Judy Johnson was very involved in setting up the operation of Shelton's book store on the new campus in 1997. She is also responsible for the college's copy center and mailroom. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Shelton State, receiving her Associate in Applied Science Degree in business administration in 1987.

In 1974 Jean Mack received a certificate from C.A. Fredd Technical College. She then entered Shelton's New Options programs and in 1988 she received an Associate in Applied Science degree along with the Susie Burnum Memorial Scholarship. She is currently continuing her education at Shelton and Stillman College.

Martha Key is a senior at the University of Alabama. In 1996, she was the recipient of the James B. Allen Award and was a member of the USA Today All Academic Team. At the University, she was named the Outstanding Management Student in 1998 and 1999 and was the recipient of the Jerry F. Wilson Scholarship in 1998 and 1999 and the special University Scholarship in 1999. She is a member of Blue Key, Gold Key, and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Enterprise State Junior College



Enterprise State Junior College librarians give the old card catalog one more check prior to embarking on numerous professional training sessions concerning the library's automation endeavors. Pictured, sitting, is research librarian Jean Southwell. Standing, from left to right, are librarian Linda Stephens and learning resources director Susan Sumblin.

Enterprise State Junior College recognized an outstanding faculty member for the Faculty Award for Professional Contribution recently during the annual

Honors Day Assembly. The award was presented to biology instructor Ms. Charla Adkison of Enterprise. Ms. Adkison will receive release time from teaching one course to pursue professional development activities in her academic area.



Alabama Governor Don Siegelman, left, signs the proclamation declaring May 16-21 as NJCAA Mens Golf Championship Week in Alabama. Wallace Community College Interim President Johnny Joyner, center, and Gene Dews, tournament director, accept the proclamation.

Special Training Program Targets Future Community College Leaders

An integral part of strategic planning includes training for future leaders. Ayers State has sent Ms. Beth Gray, division chair for General Studies and Developmental Education, and Mr. Jason Hurst, division chair for Personal Services and Skilled Crafts, to a week long leadership program sponsored by Mississippi State University. The Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program is organized and sponsored by MSU's educational leadership department. The Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian, the state Board for Community

and Junior Colleges and the participating community colleges are providing support.

During the week, participants attended training session that include topics such as organizational change, conflict resolution, building consensus, the politics of education, and managing diversity. During the week all participants are introduced to a Problem-based Learning (PBL) project and divided into learning teams. The program gives special attention to the encouragement and training of minorities and women for leadership positions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Commission on Education Team Applauds Reid State



Dr. Ulysses McBride, president of Reid State, welcomed Commission on Education team members to Evergreen. Shown are Dr. McBride, president, Mr. Robert Clark, Ms. Carolyn Roach, Dr. Vicki Hawsey, Dean of Instruction, Dr. Johnny Williams, Dr. Earl Wittrock, Ms. Clare Lewis, Dr. Douglas Littles, and observers Dr. Sally Kyser and Dr. Delinda Cannon.

Reid State Technical College received an outstanding review from the Commission on Education visiting team. Team leader, Mr. Robert Clark, stated: "After approximately 25 COE visits this was the best visit I have been on. The review was the best prepared I have ever seen and the generous hospitality made this visit outstanding for the team. The hard work and effort will allow Reid State Technical College to remain a forerunner of the technical institutions in Alabama." Mr. Clark also commended Reid State for being one of the first institutions which received no recommendations. He commended Reid State Technical College for this accomplishment.

Aesthetics Training

In response to the demand for aesthetics training for cosmetologists, Ayers State Technical College's cosmetology department instructors participated in a two-day seminar in June covering skin care and aesthetics.

By adding the skin care and aesthetics component to the curriculum, Ayers State's cosmetology students will have an added measure of employability upon entering the workforce.

Ms. Nancy Scott, the instructor for the seminar, is the Educational Director for Royal Beauty Supply in Knoxville, TN. Ms. Scott received her aesthetics training in Germany and has been the director of dozens of symposia during the last several years. Ms. Scott has also worked on the legislative board in Pennsylvania to approve state licensure for aesthetics. In addition, two of her students have been 1st place winners in the VICA national competition.

D. Chris Jens, a local salon, and Royal Beauty Supply also assisted with the seminar by providing equipment and supplies.

Drake Employees Accept Technical Education Awards

Three J. F. Drake State Technical College employees were recently presented with the Edu-Tech Excellence in Technical Education Award by Mr. Michael Stowe, program director, of Edu-Tech, Incorporated. The recipients were Joyce Rentz, related math instructor; Jack McCain, industrial electricity instructor; and Bob Petty, department head, industrial electronics/electricity departments. The instructors were selected based on their contribution and service to technical education.

Edu-Tech is a managed technical/vocational training and career development program especially designed for students from Bermuda. This program has successfully enrolled and graduated several students, who after graduation will return home to pursue technical careers.

Central Alabama Community College Art Instructor Receives Honors

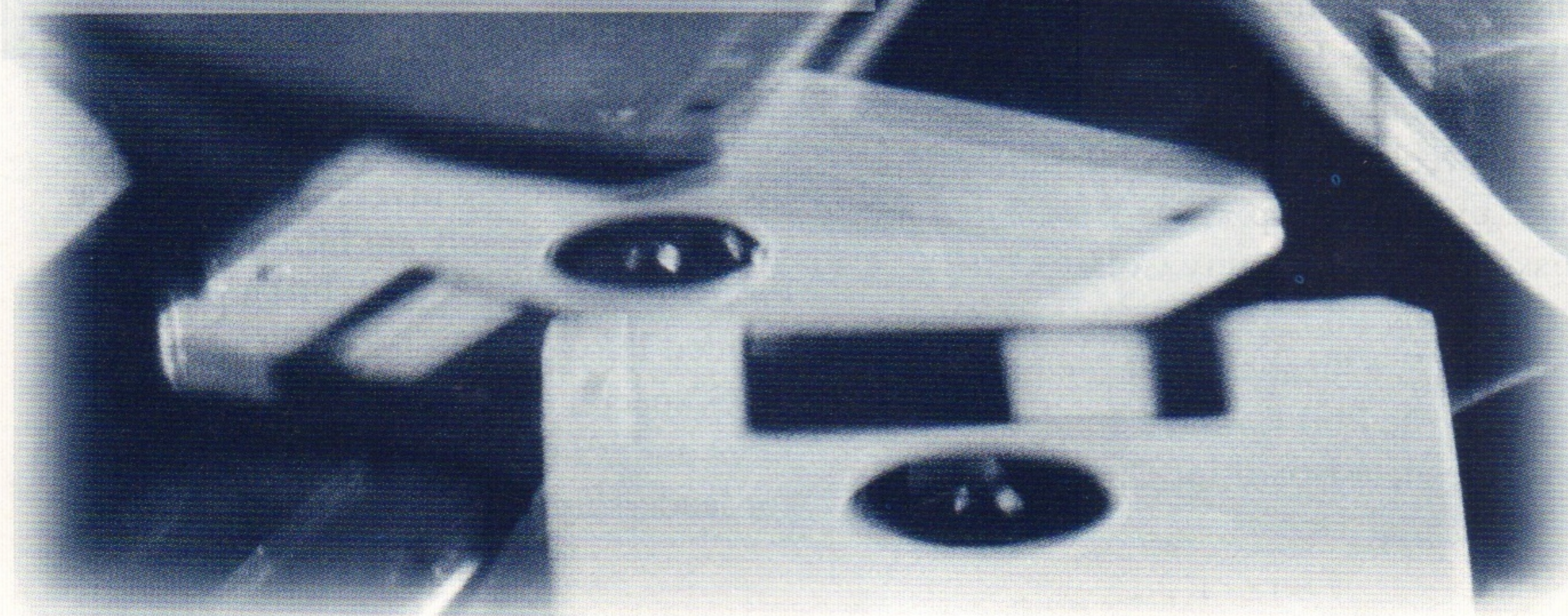
Central Alabama Community College art instructor Pat Federinko has recently received several honors for her work.

"Dreamer's Topography" placed second in the Chancellor's Art Exhibit at the ACA Convention in March, and more recently placed first in the Beta Sigma Phi Library Art Show in Alexander City. (One of Federinko's students took first place honors last year; another student earned an honorable mention, as did Federinko.) Federinko has also been asked to join WAOAPOA (Work As Often As Possible On Art), an eclectic group of artists from the Lake Martin area. This group, which exhibited at CACC April 5 through 26, has also exhibited at the Elmore County Art Guild's 14th annual winter show and at Alabama State University.

Federinko, whose grandmother was an artist, says she has been involved in art since age three. From drawing to ceramics, her love of art encompasses all media.

ACA Associate and Affiliate Memberships Now Available

This year, for the first time, ACA will offer Associate and Affiliate memberships. For only \$25 per year, retired educators can become ACA Associate Members. Their names will be listed in the ACA Journals; they will receive copies of all publications and information on Conference 2000. For \$500 per year, college vendors can become Affiliate Members. A company ad will appear in four issues of the ACA Journal; they will receive all publications; participate in the Exhibitor Expo and have the opportunity to make a presentation at the conference. For more information contact Debbie Schaus, 256-233-8233.

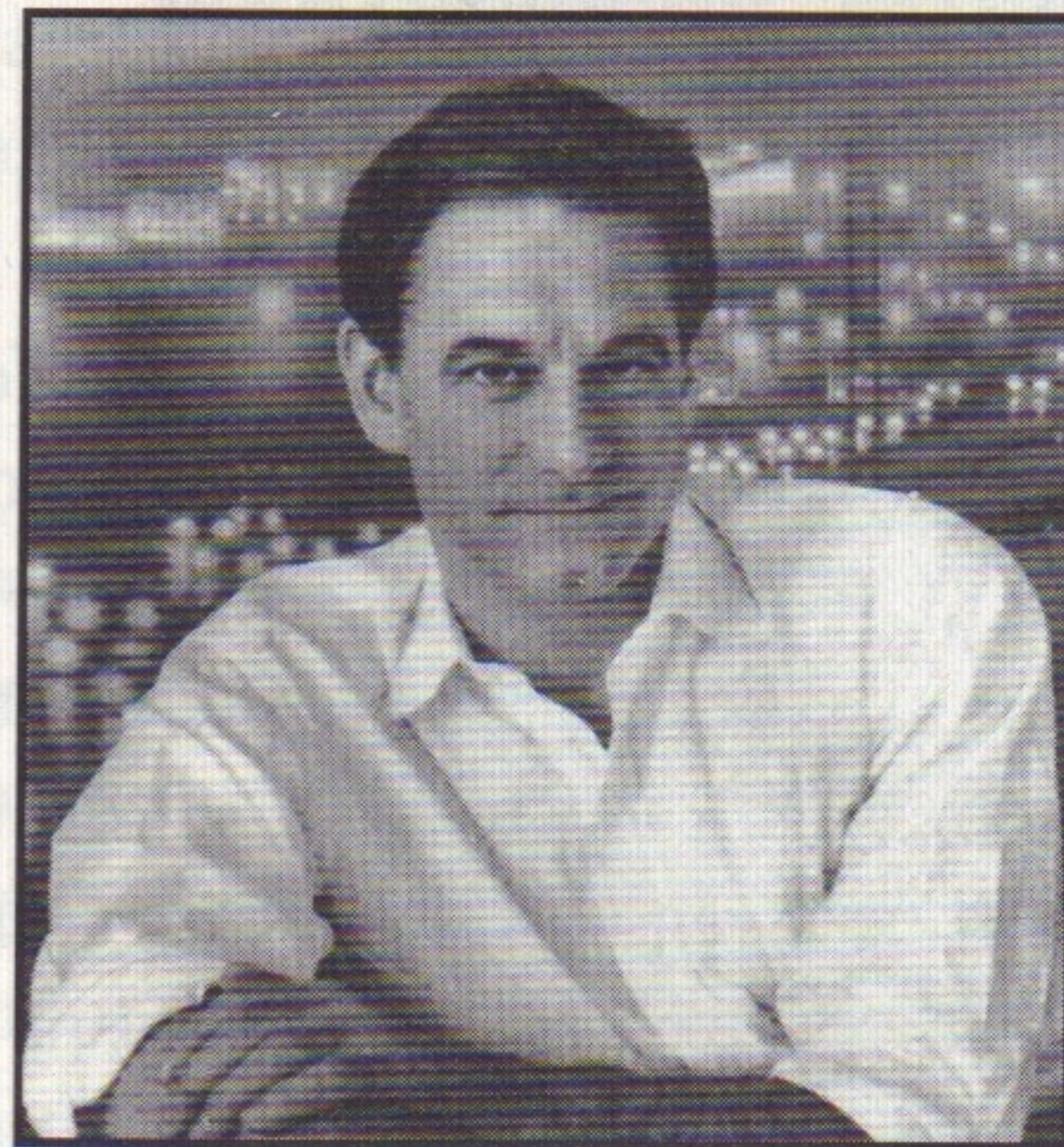


John Berendt Comes to Tuscaloosa

Noted author John Berendt will be at Shelton State Community College on September 23 as part of the college's Millennium celebration. Berendt's first book, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, was a publishing phenomenon, breaking all records for longevity on *The New York Times'* Best Seller Lists for both fiction and non-fiction over a four-year period.

Sponsored by Shelton State Community College in cooperation with the Tuscaloosa Public Library, the event will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre located on the college's new Martin Campus. A reception honoring Mr. Berendt will be held in the Atrium of the college immediately following the lecture.

Berendt was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1939. In 1961, he graduated from Harvard College, where he was an editor of the Harvard Lampoon. His work on the Lampoon attracted the attention of the editor of *Esquire* who hired him as an associated editor, a position he held from 1961-1969. From 1969 until 1973, Berendt served as a television producer and writer. In 1977 he returned to magazines, serving as editor of *New York Magazine* until 1979 and writing a monthly column for *Esquire* from 1982 - 1994.



John Berendt

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil is the account of the notorious 1981 murder case in Savannah, Georgia, and depicts the gentility and eccentricity of a city and characters that turned a weekend excursion into a seven-year project. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* has sold over 2,500,000 copies, won the 1994 Southern Book Award and was one of three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in non-fiction. The book has been published in 24 foreign editions. In 1997 Warner Brothers motion picture, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, directed by Clint Eastwood, opened in theaters across the United States.

Becky Gargus Awarded Most Outstanding Faculty at Jeff State

Biology instructor Becky Gargus of Oneonta was awarded Most Outstanding Faculty Member for 1998-99 at Jefferson State Community College during the honors Convocation at Hilldale Baptist Church April 22.

Gargus holds a Master of Education and a Master of Science in protozoology from Auburn University. She has successfully taught at two universities and two high schools in subjects including microbiology, biology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry and health education.

"Becky is a truly gifted instructor who has contributed tremendously in the science and biology fields, said Jefferson State President Judy Merritt. "She is an expert in simplifying

and illustrating complex scientific ideas to her students. Students and faculty alike recognize how very fortunate we are to have Becky at Jefferson State."

In addition to serving on the faculty, Gargus has authored the Biology Challenge Exam for allied health majors, which was adopted for statewide use. She has served as a research assistant whose findings in tissue culture of mammalian and amphibian cells in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at UAB prompted seven articles published in various scientific journals. She serves as an advisor to the division chair of science in determining specifications for the new laboratory at the Jefferson State Scrushy Campus.

Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College

Linda Hartin, a native of Andalusia, Alabama, was recently named Treasurer at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College. Mrs. Hartin is a graduate of Andalusia High School and received her Associate in



Linda Hartin

Science Degree at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College. In 1998, she received her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Faulker University. Mrs. Hartin began her career at LBW as Secretary to the Treasurer in 1987, and was named Most Outstanding Support Personnel at LBW in 1995. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Foundation.

Rachel Boothe, a Mathematics and Physics Instructor at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, attended the first Alabama Master Teacher Seminar held in Jasper, Alabama, at Beville State



Rachel Boothe

Community College on June 13-17, 1999. The purpose of this seminar is to improve teaching in all disciplines through the sharing of ideas. Each teacher attended shared an innovation and a motivational technique used in his or her class. Also, each participant was required to make a 15-minute presentation of a topic taught in their discipline, which was critiqued by the participants. Unlike many seminars which consist of lecture sessions, this seminar focuses on teachers teaching other teachers.

HONORS & AWARDS



John Sadie, right, Central AL CC, accepts the "Coach of the Year" award from Gene Dews, 1999 NJCAA National Men's Golf Championships Tournament Director. Sadie's Trojans shot a four-day total of 1156 to win the National Championship at Dothan's Highland Oaks Golf Course. The event was hosted by Wallace Community College, Dothan.

Jefferson State's Dr. Calhoun Receives Research Leadership Award

During their recent annual conference, the Alabama Association for Institutional Research (ALAIR) awarded the 1999 Joseph T. Sutton Leadership Award to Jefferson State Community College's director of Institutional Research Dr. Harriott Calhoun.

This award is the highest honor bestowed by the ALAIR organization. It is presented to individuals who have been involved in institutional research, or a related field, in Alabama and who distinguish themselves in a career of leadership, accomplishment and innovation in institutional research or a related field, accomplishments and innovative endeavors that enhance the field of institutional research, an institution or the community and service to ALAIR, SAIR (Southern Association for Institutional Research) or AIR (Association for Institutional Research).

Dr. Calhoun is the eighth recipient of the award, and the first two-year college recipient.

Ruocco Receives First of National Certified Professional Constructor Designations

Jefferson State Community College Instructor Dr. Carmine F. Ruocco of Gardendale, Alabama received the professional designation of Certified Professional Constructor (CPC) in March. He is one of an initial group of more than 600 practitioners throughout the United States to be certified in a program developed by national construction trade and professional associations under the auspices of the American Institute of Constructors.

Similar to the Professional Engineer registration process, Constructor Certification is a rigorous two-step qualification process based on experience, education and written examination. The first examinations were offered in the fall of 1996 at approximately 60 universities nationwide. Recertification will be required periodically through a process of Continuing Professional Development as well as adherence to a Constructor Code of Conduct.

The voluntary Certification program was developed in response to evolvement of the management of construction as a profession during the twentieth century, it will require more and better prepared Professional Constructors to overcome the challenges. One of those challenges is to set high standards of practice and to improve the image of the current and future Constructor.

Jefferson Davis Community College Employees Honored

Two employees from Jefferson Davis Community College were honored as nominees of the Alabama College System during the 1999 Chancellor's Awards held March 24, 1999, at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel during the annual Alabama College Association Convention.

Sherry Martin, director of Administration and Personnel was selected as a nominee for Administrator of the Year. Her many accomplishments include developing a comprehensive program of service for adult learners; organizing the personnel services department to include publication of a college policy manual, a hiring procedures manual and a newsletter; designing an institutional effectiveness plan; creating a nationally-recognized success center; implementing and managing a 10-year forestry plan; and organizing the Brewton Area Adult Reading Council.

Rosemary Jernigan, instructor and the Math/Science Division chair, was selected as Junior Faculty of the Year. Some of her many achievements include being selected "Best Teacher" by the student body; developing an honors program that has been used as a model throughout the U.S.; writing a laboratory manual for use in Anatomy and Physiology I and II classes; and raising approximately \$4,000 to buy mobile computer equipment.

Northeast Alabama Community College

Dr. Ben Knox, instructor of psychology and counselor, at Northeast Alabama Community College was chosen as "Outstanding Young Man of America" in the Outstanding Young Americans 31st Annual Edition.

Dr. Knox has been employed at Northeast since 1982. He earned his BS degree at Troy State University, MA at the University of Alabama, and EdD at Nova Southeastern University.

Jon Esslinger, part-time instructor of biology at Northeast Alabama Community College in Rainsville, has recently been named 1999 Jackson County Citizen of the Year. Esslinger has been employed at Northeast since 1991 in the Division of Science. He earned BS and MS degrees from Jacksonville State University. He and his wife, Betty, have two sons, Rob and Tom, and reside in Scottsboro.

Dr. Hawsey Selected to Attend Executive Leadership Institute



Dr. Vicki Hawsey, of Reid State Technical College, has been selected as one of only thirty-three community college leaders to attend the prestigious Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College in cooperation with The University of Texas at Austin. A national panel selected the thirty-three participants from a pool of approximately 100 applicants holding senior-level positions of leadership

in community colleges. Jerry Moskus, president of the League for Innovation, said, "The review panel was extremely impressed with the quality of applicants, which speaks well for the future vitality of the community college."

The purpose of the institute, to be held in Newport Beach, California, August 1-6, 1999, is to provide an opportunity for selected community college leaders to review their abilities and interests, to refine their skills, and to participate in discussions on leadership with outstanding community college educators in North America.



Coach John Kitchens Reaches 600th Win

Snead State women's basketball coach John Kitchens reached his 600th win of distinguished career in during the 1999 season. Family members, former players and many friends witnessed Kitchens make personal history. Snead College athletic director Dr. David Wilson presented Kitchens a plaque to commemorate the milestone achievement. Coach Kitchens, at age 62, is in his 40th year of coaching, and the 29th season at Snead, where he served as men's head coach for 18 years (1970-88), and then men's and women's coach for several seasons. "The reason I've won 600 games is if you've been in it as long as I have, you're going to get it. I'm just grateful for having had the opportunity to coach girls basketball because it did extend my career. I'm still seeking for that perfect ballgame, where everything is done just to the letter. I don't know whether it will ever happen, but I'm still hunting for it. So, I'll still be pacing up and down the sideline trying to make that happen just as long as I can coach."

Kitchens credits his wife, Sue with much of his success. "She's been there for me for almost 40 years. We've done all this and we raised a family. I don't have words to tell you how supportive she's been and how much she has meant to me in allowing me to coach."

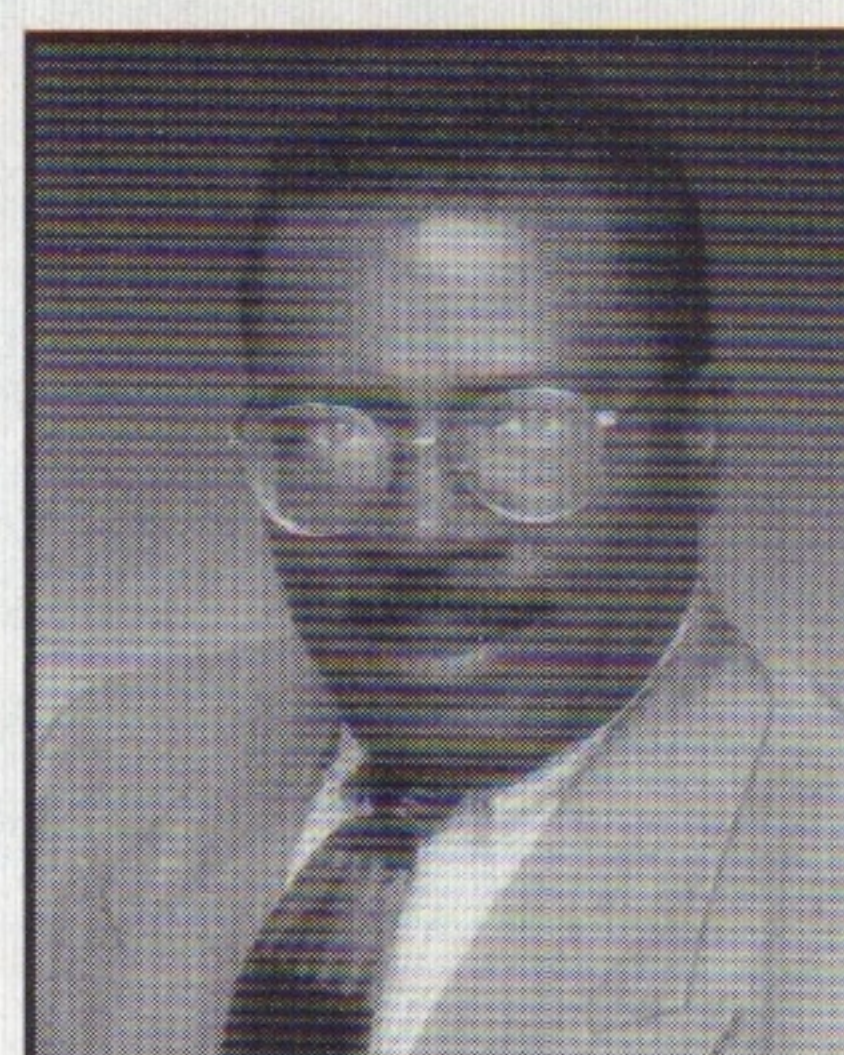
American Technical Education Association Recognizes Reid State Nominees

Two nominees for American Technical Education Association awards were from Reid State Technical College. Linda G. Alford, Office Systems Technology instructor, was nominated for Outstanding Technical Instructor. Ms. Alford is working toward a doctoral degree while continuing in the classroom, volunteering for many service projects, and serving on the Technology Task Force and Faculty Evaluation Committee. She is the current Alabama Education Association local chapter president, serves



Linda G. Alford

on the accounting discipline committee, which develops and reviews curricula for accounting programs in the Alabama two-year colleges.



Dr. Douglas Little

Dr. Douglas Little, dean of students and vice president, was nominated for an Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Little has served on the Alabama All Academic Team Committee, Presidential Evaluation Committee, Revision of Alabama College System Mission Statement and the Deans of Student Affairs Planning and Program Committee. He was nominated for the 1998 Chancellor's Administrator of the Year award.

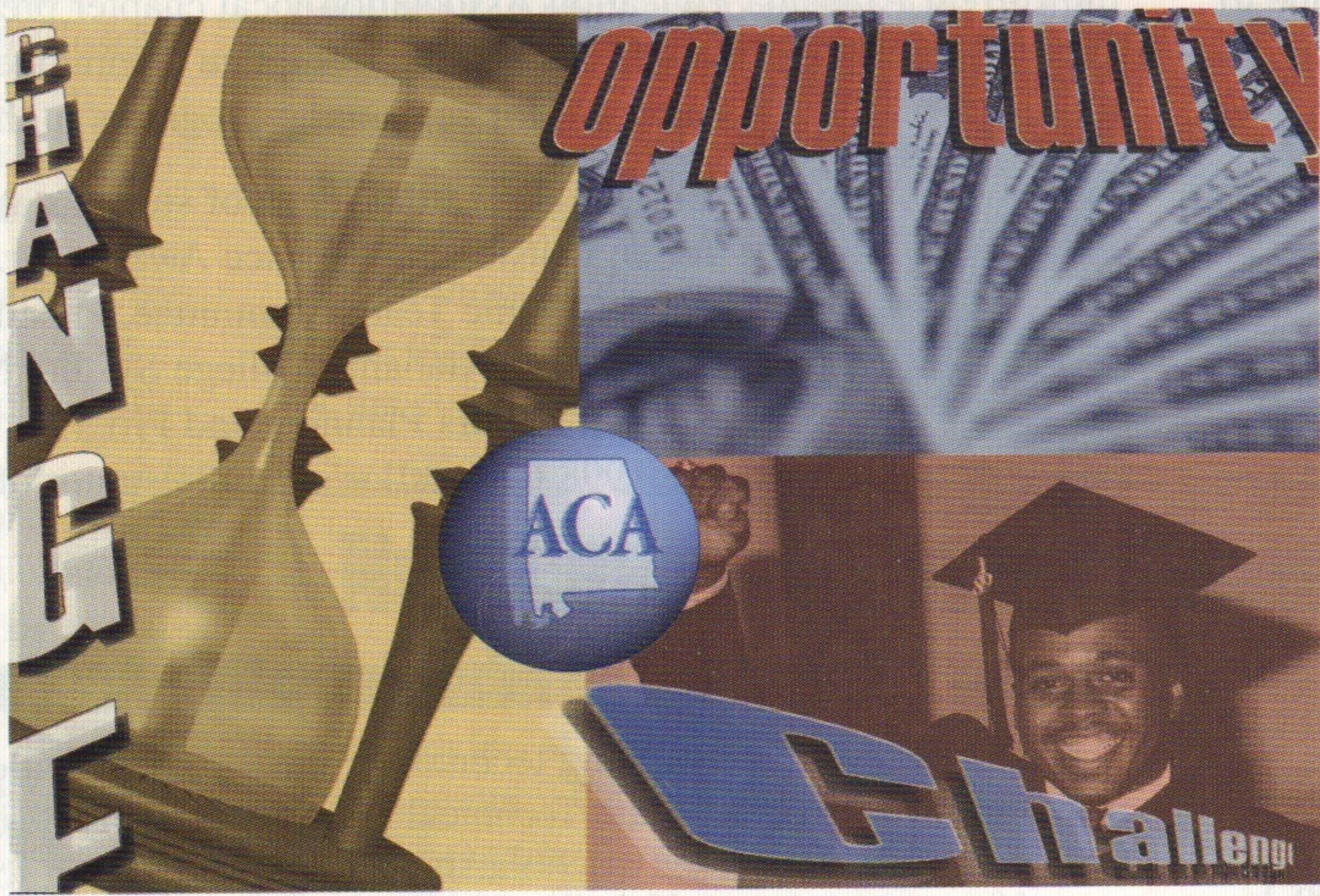
Stewart Selected for Administrative Academy

Verlindsey Stewart, accounting technology instructor at J. F. Drake State Technical College, recently received a scholarship to participate in the two-week Rust Administrative Academy for Faculty (RAAF) on the campus of Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Stewart is the first two-year college employee to participate in the program since its inception.

RAAF was founded in 1996, and is designed to provide faculty members, new chairpersons, deans, program directors and other persons holding or seeking academic administrative positions, comprehensive leadership preparation necessary to be effective academic administrators. RAAF is the only nation-

al education management program exclusively designed to provide administrative training for faculty and staff from historically black colleges and universities. The program develops participants' managerial and leadership perspectives, while also enhancing their problem-solving capabilities. RAAF also helps participants to develop the strategic, integrative, and decision-making skills required of academic leaders, while also enhancing their understanding of higher education's multiple contexts.

Stewart is a member of the Alabama Education Association, National Business Education Association, and serves as the college's Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity advisor.



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